THE HISTORY OF THE TUCKER, HEINZ, AND RELATED FAMILIES

Including members of the Carter, Coxon, Craig, Fanning, Geddes, Peters, Hawdon, and Wood Families

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ABBREVIATIONS

See: "Sources" at the end of this document for complete details.
FAG: www.findagrave.com
FNS: Federal Naturalization Records, 1856-1991
IBC: Illinois, Births and Christenings, 1824-1940
ICM: Illinois, County Marriages, 1810-1940
IDS: Illinois, Deaths and Stillbirths, 1916-1948
LCGG: LaSalle County Genealogy Guild, www.lscgg.org
SDFP: Streator *Daily Free Press*
SDTP: Streator *Daily Times-Press*

PREFACE

My maternal grandfather was George J. Heinz (b. 1895-10-25; d. 1974-11-25) and my maternal grandmother was Margaret (née Tucker) Heinz (b. 1904-02-04; d. 1993-08-18). I knew Margaret but I have no memories of George, which is odd because I was already eight when he died. Growing up, I never got the sense that family was of much importance to anyone. Therefore, I knew very little about my ancestors prior to beginning this research. I knew Margaret's people came from England, although I was under the impression that she herself had immigrated when young. I

remember seeing a photograph she had taken sometime in the 1950s in Canada during a visit by the Queen, which lead me to assume she still strongly identified with the old country. I knew George's people had been Prussian. At some point a tiny box came into my possession which contained a World War I-era medal and a clipping from the Streator *Daily Times-Press* announcing George J. Heinz's divorce from Edna Carter Heinz. This was the first I knew of George's first family. The decoration lead me to conclude—erroneously—that George had been a war veteran. Both subjects will be explored at length below.

I. COXON

According to her obituary, Anna H. Coxon was born 1871-01-10 Newcastle upon Tyne, England, to John and Margaret Coxon. According to the IDS, Anna's mother's maiden name was Margaret Gettes.

The 1871 census of England recorded, in the Township of Byker, Municipal Borough of Newcastle upon Tyne, Municipal Ward of Jesmond, Parliamentary Borough of Newcastle upon Tyne, Ecclesiastical District of St Michael Byker, the following persons residing at No. 5 Thompson Street: Coxon, John, head, 33; Coxon, Margaret, wife, 31; Coxon, Elizabeth, daughter, 6; and Coxon, Ann, daughter, 2 months. Unfortunately, Coxon was an extremely common name, but this is likely the family we're looking for. The census was conducted on 2 April, so Ann's age is about right if she had just been born on 10 January. John's occupation was "pot printer," i.e., an artisan who printed on pottery. Margaret's occupation was listed as "pot printer wife," which suggests she played a role in the work. By contrast, the engine fitter's wife's occupation was not listed as "engine fitter wife:" the space was left blank. Margaret's father, Wellwood Geddes, was also a pot printer, and his wife was a "transferer," so Margaret had probably been trained up from childhood in the trade.

By 1881, John Coxon was dead, leaving Margaret with another mouth to feed, John Robert (b. ~1875). Presumably, three children were one too many for the widow to support, so she sent the ten-year-old Ann to live with her aunt Janet (b. ~1836). Janet herself was a widow, but had two adult sons, Frederick W., 23, and Thomas Jr., 20, working in the coal mines. Janet died 1885-03-21 and was interred at Jesmond cemetery, Newcastle. Her sister Margaret died 1900-05-26, possibly of tuberculosis,* and also was

interred at Jesmond cemetery. By then, Ann and her cousins were in the United States.

*2025 correspondence from Alan Wright, a descendant of Margaret's daughter, Elizabeth (Coxon) Wright: "The cause of death is given as chronic bronchitis but this does not usually cause death so quickly and I suspect that she may have had TB which has caused a lot of deaths in my family." 1987 correspondence from Marian Hawdon, a decendant of Margaret's sister, Janet (Geddes) Hawdon: "I have a vague recollection of hearing that my great grandfather died young of tuberculosis."

The 1900 U.S. census recorded "Fred Haddon" (b. 1858-01 England) residing with his wife and four children at 921 East Livingston Street in Streator. He had immigrated in 1882. The U.S. 1910 census says Anna (she seems to have acquired the additional 'a' in America) immigrated in 1887; the 1930 census says she immigrated in 1890. I've found people's memories for such dates grew fuzzy over time, so the 1887 date is probably more reliable. Anna's obituary says she "came to America with her parents when she was 15 years of age" [1886]; this is unlikely, since her father was dead and I've seen no evidence of Margaret Coxon in Streator. More likely, Ann came over with Frederick, or came over alone (she would have been 16 in 1887) to live with Frederick. What's odd is that in all my research I've come across no occasion of Anna and Frederick associating with each other in Streator, even though both lived there virtually their entire lives. The only evidence of their relation is to be found in one erroneous line in his obituary:

> SDTP 1939-03-02 p. 2: Frederick W. Hawdon, aged 81, died in his home at 921 East Livingston street at 8:15 o'clock this morning, following a week's illness of pneumonia. The son of Thomas and Janet Hawdon, Mr. Hawdon was born at New Castle on Tyne England, January 29, 1957 [probably 1857], and came to this city about 54 years ago [1885] to make his home. His marriage with Elizabeth Peters-Wood occurred here January 24, 1894, and they became the parents of four children, two of whom, Mrs. [Jean(n)ette] David Scent and John Hawdon are living. The other two preceded the father in death. Mrs. Hawdon died 35 years ago [1904-11-30].
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> Mr. Hawdon also leaves two step children, Mrs. [Edith Wood] William Durham of Streator and James J. Wood of Galesburg. A stepson, Thomas Wood, died 23 years ago. There is also one sister [sic], Mrs. Anna Tucker of this city, and ten grandchildren. Mr. Hawdon was a miner by occupation and affiliated with the United Mine Workers of America.

Of course, Anna was Frederick's cousin, not his sister. Nonetheless, the

Tucker family was represented at Frederick's funeral, so presumably Anna was present as well:

> SDTP 1939-03-06 p. 3: FINAL RITES CONDUCTED FOR F. W. HAWDON
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> Rev. W. C. Bryant officiated at the funeral services for Frederick W. Hawdon in the Hagi funeral home Saturday afternoon, at which time George Hood sang several hymns. Burial followed in Riverview cemetery.
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> Pallbearers were David Tucker, Fred Tucker, Fred Blakemore, John Wood, John Hall, and Robert Davidson. In charge of the flowers were Mesdames David Tucker, Elmer Blakemore, Fred Blakemore, and Misses Alice Blakemore and Irene Wright.
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> Among those from a distance in attendance at the rites were: Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Wood, Galesburg; Mrs. Richard Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Taylor and Evan Evans, Cuba, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Peters and Richard Peters, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Franks, Peru; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Kern, Seatonville; Mrs. Carl Brewer, Mendota; Mr. and Mrs. Emil Scent, Sandwich.

Frederick's brother, Thomas Jr. (b. 1859-08-02), also came to the states (date unknown). He married Mary Isadora Nichols 1894-01-10 and lived in Seatonville, IL, until his death 1907-05-14.

Unfortunately, I've been able to discover little else about the Coxons. In a 1917 letter to a soldier sent overseas, Anna's daughter, Jeanette, suggested looking up her aunt in England. Presumably, this was Elizabeth. In 1923, the Streator *Daily Free Press* reported that Anna intended a voyage back to England the following summer "to visit some old friends and relatives." Unfortunately, Anna's brother, John, died at the end of 1923, so she would have just missed seeing him. According to Karen Jean (Heinz) Sheldon, Anna's daughter, Margaret Heinz, made several trips to England to visit relations.

II. TUCKER

David Tucker

> *Farmer City Journal* 1899-03-10 p. 1: On Monday morning [1899-03-06] at 12:05 o'clock occurred the death of David Tucker, of north Plum street. On Thursday of last week he suffered a paralytic stroke and lapsed into unconsciousness, from which he never rallied.
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> Mr. Tucker was born in Hardy county, Va., on April 27, 1816, and was almost 83 years old at the time of his decease. On June 3, 1840, he was married at

Moorefield, Va., to Mary Ann Brown [b. 1823-10-22 Hampshire County, VA], who survives him. Five children were born to them, four of whom preceded their father to the better land, two in infancy. Eli Tucker, a respected resident of this city, is the only survivor of the children. In 1856 Mr. Tucker and family moved to the state of Ohio and in June, 1871, came to this state, locating at Farmer City. He built and occupied the house near the Big Four depot now owned by O. M. Rosencrans. Mr. Tucker was a carpenter by trade, a skillful and reliable workman. For a few years he worked in the chair factory in Bloomington, but his family remained here and this was always his home. Deceased early united with the Baptist church and after coming here placed his membership in the Christian church. Mr. Tucker was an upright man and a good citizen, and made the best use of the long life allotted to him.

The funeral was held in the Christian church on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. E. C. Stark, of Champaign, a former pastor. Burial was in the city cemetery.

Mary A. Tucker

Farmer City Journal 1903-04-17 p. 1: Mrs. Mary A. Tucker died on Saturday forenoon [1903-04-11] at 9:25 o'clock at the home of her son Eli, after an illness of ten days with pneumonia, aged 79 years, five months and 19 days.

Mary Ann Brown was born in Hampshire county, Va., Oct. 1823. She was married to David Tucker on June 3, 1840, and to them five children were born, four of whom preceded their parents to the other shore. In 1856 the family moved to Adams county, Ohio, and in 1871 they came to Farmer City. Here the husband and father died on March 6, 1899. Mrs. Tucker united with the Baptist church early in life and remained a member of that denomination until coming to this city, when she joined the Christian church. She was a good woman and faithful servant of the Master and leaves behind a memory fragrant of kindly deeds. Besides the son she leaves a brother, M. V. Brown, of Bloomington, one half-sister, Mrs. George Shell, of this city, and a half-sister in Virginia.

The funeral services were held on Monday afternoon in the Christian church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. John I. Gunn, and the remains were laid to rest beside her life companion in the City cemetery.

Eli Tucker

Farmer City Journal 1915-12-03 p. 1: Eli Tucker died early Friday morning [1915-12-03] at his home on West Market street, after an illness of two weeks and failing health for several months. Although he had been in a critical condition for some days, the end was entirely unexpected, as he was apparently much better and gaining until a few minutes before death took place.

The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon at the late home, Rev. M. M. Want delivering the discourse and the members of Lemon post G. A. R. [Grand Army of the Republic] being in charge. The pall-bearers, drawn from the post and S. of V. camp, were Capt. Stevens, Mortz Thomas, D. H. Heller, H. S. Farmer, B. F. Garver and M. B. Kincaid. The hymns were sung by Mrs. A. M. Wilkes and Mrs. F. H. Reed, with Miss M. A. Green at the piano. The G. A. R. burial ritual was given at the close of the service. Interment was in Maple Grove.

Eli Tucker was born in Hardy county, Va., February 21, 1842. In early life he moved to Athens county, Ohio, and was there married to Mary E. Shell [b. 1847 WV] on June 17, 1866. To them were born six children, three of whom survive their father. In 1871 the family moved to Illinois, locating in Farmer City. Mrs. Tucker died October 18, 1884.

On March 9, 1886, Mr. Tucker married Miss Bessie Wolf and to them were born three children, two of whom are still living.

When twenty years of age Mr. Tucker enlisted in an Ohio regiment and served through the civil war. He continued to reside in Farmer City after locating here in 1871. For awhile he worked at carpentering and then, about thirty-three years ago, he took up the grocery business, clerking for G. W. Chisholm until the latter decided to retire, when Mr. Tucker bought him out. He conducted the establishment at the same place until last March, when his failing health obliged him to dispose of the store and retire. During his entire business career, first as clerk and then as proprietor, he enjoyed the utmost confidence of all who had dealings with him. Though he shrank from anything in the way of public office, he was prevailed upon to serve the people as member of the board of education and collector of taxes. In his quiet way he was an excellent citizen and his loss of health and final passing away works a distinct loss to the community. He was long a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and the G. A. R. post.

Besides the widow Mr. Tucker is survived by five children and a number of grandchildren, the former being Sherman, David, and Charles Tucker of Streator and Misses Daisy and Hope Tucker of this city. Mrs. James Hoit, who recently passed away, was a daughter of the first marriage.

The 1870 and 1880 censuses tell us that Mary E. Tucker neé Shell was born in Virginia 1847 or so.

The following children were born to Eli and Mary Tucker:

Sherman W. (b. 1867-02-25 Athens County, OH; d. 1953-01-28 Ottawa);

Minnie (b. 1870-03-09 Athens County, OH; d. 1896-11-20 Farmer City);

David W. (b. 1872-07-04 Farmer City; d. 1951-04-16 Streator);

Ida Mae/May (b. 1876 Farmer City; d. 1915 Farmer City);

Charles A. (b. 1879-04-16; d. 1945-09-09 Shelbyville, IN);

After Mary Tucker died, Eli Tucker married Bessie Wolf Bessie Wolf (b.

1846-04 or 1847-04-27 Ireland; d. 1926-05-10 Farmer City). They had two daughters, Hope (b. 1887) and Daisy (b. 1891).

> SDTP 1951-04-16 p. 7: David W. Tucker, 78, a resident of Streator for almost 60 years, died in the Odd Fellow's home at Mattoon at 3:15 o'clock this morning where he had been a patient for about a year. He had been ill for about two years, and prior to his going to Mattoon, made his home with his son, Gordon, and family in this city. The body was brought to the Wagner funeral home in this city where friends may call after two o'clock Tuesday. Services will be held there at two o'clock Wednesday, Rev. W. W. Leavens of the Christian church officiating. Burial will follow in Riverview cemetery.
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> The son of Eli and Mary (Shell) Tucker, Mr. Tucker was born at Farmer City, July 4, 1872. He came to Streator in 1892 and on February 3, 1900, was united in marriage with Alida Johnson. She died in February, 1937. A son, Gordon, born to the couple, resides here. There are three grandchildren.
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> Mr. Tucker also leaves one brother, Sherman Tucker, in Ottawa, and two sisters, Mrs. Daisy Collier of Farmer City and Mrs. Hope Flagel of LeRoy.
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> He was employed for many years by the Williams Hardware Company in Streator. He was a member of the Edina Lodge Odd Fellows.

Sherman W. Tucker

According to Anna Coxon's obituary, she and Sherman W. Tucker were married in Streator 1890-03-18. According to IDS, the date was 1891-03-18. The following children were born to them:

Mary "Nellie" Ellen (b. 1892-05-01 Streator; d. 1974-10-31 Streator);

Jeanette/Janet Anna (R.N.) (b. 1894-02-08 Streator; d. 1976-01-19 Tampa, FL);

John E. (b. 1896-02-01 or 05 Farmer City; d. 1951-10-24 Sacramento, CA);

Fred William (b. 1898-09-03 Farmer City; d. 1957-01-03 Fort Wayne, IN, Veterans' hospital);

David W. (b. 1900-09-20 Streator; d. 1982-07-30 Elkhart, IN);

Margaret Ann (b. 1904-02-04 Streator; d. 1993-08-19 Longmont, CO);

Minnie (1907-08-04 Streator; d. 1937-10-28 Streator).

When the 1900 census taker came around on 7 June, he found Sherman, Anna, Mary, Jeanette, John, and Fred living in Blue Ridge Township, Piatt County, IL, just east of Farmer City. Sherman was a farm laborer, Mary and Jeanette were at school. A month later, (1900-07-28) Sherman moved his family 89 miles north to Streator, "where [he] has employment in the boiler

shops" (Farmer City Journal 1900-08-03 p. 1).

> SDFP 1903-06-17 p. 5: A family quarrel was aired in the police court this morning, Miss Annie Tucker having been arrested on complaint of Mrs. Baxter, who charged her with assault and battery. Both parties reside near the corner of Wasson and Bronson streets. After hearing the evidence Justice Smith reserved his decision until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

> SDFP 1903-06-18 p. 4: Miss Annie Tucker, who was arrested on a charge of assaulting Mrs. Baxter, was fined $3 and costs in the police court this morning. Miss Tucker paid.

Why Anna Tucker, who had born five children by 1903, was referred to as "Miss" is unclear, but she did reside near the corner of Wasson and Bronson streets.

The 1904–1905 city directory listed the Tuckers at 508 Bronson.

The 1907–1908 city directory listed the Tuckers at 914 Hall.

The 1909–1910 city directory listed the Tuckers at 601 Powell. However, a newspaper article indicates they must have been in residence earlier.

> SDFP 1909-08-07 p. 1: A neighborhood feud that has been raging and smoldering for the past three years flared up into public light again this morning in Justice Myers' court but was dismissed without any mutually satisfactory settlement. The charge was made that Mrs. Sherman Tucker was guilty of disturbing the peace, Mrs. Sofa [sic] Schurman being the prosecuting witness. Both families reside on South Powell street and both produced witnesses to prove that it was the other who kept the white dove of peace from cooing in their neighborhood.
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> It was stated by a number of the witnesses that Mrs. Tucker had talked over the fence in megaphone tones and that her vocabulary was a direct descendant of those proverbial fisher-women of Billingsgate. Other witnesses swore that Mrs. Tucker was not that kind of a woman and that she seldom leaned over the fence to hold angry conflab. The jury decided that the defendant was not guilty of disturbing the peace and the case was dismissed.
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> After the trial one of the neighbors, who is not directly concerned in the quarrel and who seems to be impartial, stated the trouble would soon be in the courts again as the decision was not fair to the Schurmans, whom he claimed were the least to blame for the trouble which has continued so long.*

*A contemporary (1902) immigrant related a similar case in his memoirs:

> Once, after almost a year in Steelton, I was called as court witness. Mrs. Ratkovich, my landlady, had a dispute with the neighbor, a stout Irishwoman. A wooden fence separated the neighbors' yard; and the women leaned on the fence and chattered. My landlady, of course, dipped to the very bottom of the barrel for her store of vulgar "English." The Irishwoman was so enraged that she lifted her fleshy arm, and came down like a plank, with all her might, directly on Mrs. Ratkovich's nose. Blood gushed, and the landlady ran off into the house. Sitting on the "porch" reading, I was witness to the scene.
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> John Ratkovich heard the entire episode, tearfully related, when he came home from work. Indignant, he went directly to a lawyer, who then filed a suit for assault against the neighbor. Since I was the only witness, the outcome of the suit depended upon me. Of course, I assured the landlord that I would relate everything truthfully.
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> Came the day of the hearing and the Ratkoviches and I set out for the office of the justice of the peace. Our lawyer had arrived and brought along some elderly Croatian to be my interpreter.
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> …Ratkovich won the case, and the opulent Irishwoman was fined twenty-five dollars and all court expenses. From the expenses, I was compensated two dollars for giving testimony.
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> After some weeks our Irish neighbors moved away.
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> *Slovene Immigrant History 1900–1950* by Ivan Molek (Dover, Delaware 1979).

This article raises a couple of problems. First, if the feud had been raging and smoldering for three years, the Tuckers would have had to have lived at 601 Powell since about August 1906. The 1907–08 city directory indicates otherwise. Moreover, 1907-03-18 an advertisement appeared in the Streator Daily Free Press offering among other real estate bargains a four-room house at 601 Powell for $500. The advertisement proves the Tuckers could not have been living at 601 Powell earlier than 1907-03-18. The length of time from 1907-03-18 to 1909-08-07 is a little less than two years and five months, not a figure I would ever round up to three, but I suppose some people might.

The second problem raised by the article is that no one by the name of Schurman can be found in the city directory residing anywhere near 601 Powell in 1909. The solution is simple. The directories for 1907, 1909, and 1911 include these listings:

1909 Henry G and Sophia Schwieman, works Santa Fe, r 603 Powell

1907 Henry S and Sophia Schwieman, works Santa Fe, r 603 Powell

1911 Henry and Sophia Sherman, works Santa Fe, r 603 Powell

Considering the negligence with which proper names were spelled in the first quarter of the twentieth century, we can assume that "Sofa Schurman," "Sophia Sherman," and "Sophia Schwieman" were all the same person.

The conclusive evidence, however, is the 1910 census, which shows us the following:

601 Powell: Tucker, Sherman W; Anna H; John; Fred; David; Margaret; Minnie.

603 Powell: Schurman, Henry; Sophia; Anna.

710 Powell: Munson, Ernest; Mary; Edith; Elma; Ebba; Mamie; Clarence; Pauline.

Remember the names Ernest and Mary (Marie) Munson, for we will see them again.

Now I want to examine when and how the Tuckers came to own 601 Powell. It would seem logical to assume they purchased it shortly after the real estate agent J. C. Barlow advertised the property 1907-03-18, but that appears not to be the case. When the tax assessment list for 1915 was published, it revealed that 601 Powell was owned by Eliza Wood. I have been unable to find earlier complete assessment lists, so I don't know if Eliza Wood owned it earlier than 1915, but I'm going to assume she purchased it in 1907 and rented it to the Tuckers. What's odd is that two years earlier Eliza and her husband Henry had moved from Streator 147 miles south to Thayer/Virden, IL. Why would they have bought property in Streator in 1907 when they no longer lived there? They did return occasionally to visit family and friends, and Henry retained his former residence at 310 Bronson until his death in 1943, renting it out to a succession of tenants, but otherwise the Woods do not appear to have invested in Streator real estate.

Perhaps there is no mystery at all here, but I believe the address 310 Bronson offers an intriguing clue: in 1904, when the Tuckers lived at 508 Bronson, Henry and Eliza Wood lived at 310 Bronson, five doors down. In 1904, at about 51, Eliza was a good deal older than Anna's 34 years, but the two women had things in common, too. Like Anna, the Woods were English immigrants. Anna and Eliza were both members of the Pythian Sisters (the women's auxiliary of the Knights of Pythias), a fraternal organization. I don't know if both women were members at the same time,

but it's possible. The first mention I've found of Anna in the Pythian Sisters is 1914-12-10, but of course she could have joined earlier: Fidelity Temple No. 12 was started in Streator 1893-01-25. The earliest mention of the Pythian Sisters I've found in Farmer City newspapers is 1906, but the Knights of Pythias was first mentioned 1880-01-08. It's purely speculation, but I suspect the Woods purchased 601 Powell for the benefit of the Tuckers. Why didn't the Tuckers buy or rent 310 Bronson instead? Maybe they couldn't afford it. In 1915, 310 Bronson was assessed at $180, but 601 Powell at $100. When J. C. Barlow ran his advertisement in 1907, 601 Powell was the cheapest property on the list at $500 (the most expensive was $4500).

[Addendum: Another clue, if not the solution, to this mystery, lies in the connection between Henry Wood and Anna's cousin, Frederick W. Hawdon. Henry's brother Basil had married a woman named Elizabeth Peters; after Basil died in a Streator coal mine, Elizabeth Wood remarried in 1894-01-24 to Frederick W. Hawdon. Moreover, the Wood family and the Peters family had other ties. Henry's daughter Alice Jane married Elizabeth's brother, Benjamin Peters. And Henry's brother Joseph married Elizabeth's sister, Emily Peters. So the Woods and the Tuckers were family, in a way.]

I don't know if Eliza's death in 1914-07-28 had something to do with it, but when the 1919 tax assessment list was published, it revealed that S. W. Tucker was now the owner of 601 Powell.

The 1904–05 city directory described Sherman as a fireman at the Water Works. Under "Water Companies" in the directory the only listing is Streator Aqueduct Co., 120 N. Park.

> SDFP 1903-12-03 p. 1: STREATOR CAN BOAST OF ITS WATER SUPPLY
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> The Aqueduct Company Has Made Many Improvements and More Are Contemplated.
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> One of the things for which the people of Streator have cause to congratulate themselves is the excellent water supply furnished by the Streator Aqueduct company, as well as the excellent fire protection afforded the city.
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> In 1886 a franchise was granted Messrs. Bronson & Foster, but they were unable to go ahead with the work and disposed of the franchise to Messrs. Goodhue & Birnie, who are still the principal owners of the plant. Work was commenced in June, 1886, and the plant was soon in operation in the main part of the city.

When the plant was first started the water supply was secured from a point northeast of the city, a system of wells and a reservoir being used. But in a year or two it was found the supply was not sufficient, and then the question was, "Where shall the plant be moved in order to furnish the city an adequate supply of water?" On the advice of Mr. D. E. Huggans, then as now manager of the company's affairs here, the pumping station was moved to the present location on the river. Here a dam was built in 1890, and except on one occasion, when the dam gave away, the water supply has been adequate to meet all the wants of the city.

During the past two or three years a great many improvements have been made in the plant, of which the general public is not familiar. One of these has been the construction of a new dam, which is eleven feet high and built in the most substantial manner, and which insures a bountiful supply of water at all times.

Then the pumping capacity has been doubled. For some time two pumps were in use, one having a capacity of 1,500,000 gallons daily and the other 2,000,000 gallons. A third third pump, with a capacity of 3,000,000 gallons daily has been installed. If for any reason one or even two of the pumps should get out of order, there is still a third one to do the work.

The boiler capacity now is 380 horse power, and 250 horse power is always available in case of fire, although this amount is not needed under ordinary circumstances.

There are at present 31 miles of water mains in the city, 237 public hydrants and 10 private hydrants. The number of water consumers is about 2,500, and this number is being constantly increased.

Another important feature is that there are two direct lines to the city from the pumping station—one by way of Illinois street and one on Bloomington street—so that in case of accident to one of these lines the city would still be able to get plenty of water.

Strange as it may seem, not nearly so much water is being pumped now as there was two years ago. That is because meters have been placed in 150 house and institutions where it was thought the water was being wasted, and the result has been very satisfactory to the company, as the water is not allowed to run so freely as formerly. And this has also resulted in better pressure, as there are not so many faucets open all the time. It is the intention of the company to put in 200 more meters next year. The pumping station is now in charge of Mr. Ralph Huggans as chief engineer. He is a son of Manager Huggans, and was thoroughly drilled in the work by his father. That he is proving a valuable man for the place is shown by the fact that he has reduced the fuel bill about $45 a month since he took charge of the plant. He is assisted by Engineers Daniel Stewart and Mark Jacobs, and the firemen are John Hydada, Charles Reese and **Wm. Tucker**.* These men work in shifts of eight hours each, an engineer and fireman being always on duty, and the others subject to call on short notice if

needed.

The efficiency of the plant is due almost entirely to the efforts of Manager Huggans, in whom the company has the utmost confidence. Practically all the improvements made have been at his suggestion, and the plant is now one of the best in the state. But he is not satisfied with the present conditions, and has mapped out still further improvements, some of which will be made next year.

One of these will be to transfor[m] the present filter system from a pressure to a gravity system. This will be accomplished by building a big reservoir on top of the hill back of the pumping station, pumping the water from the river into it, then allow[ing] it to flow through the filters into a well having a capacity of 1,000,000 gallons, and the water from this well will be pumped into the mains. This will insure the people clean water at all times, as no water will be pumped direct from the river into the mains, as occasionally must be done now.

Another improvement contemplated is the building of another dam about seven miles above the present one, which will be used to retain a supply of water to be used in case of extreme drouth [sic]. With this added improvement the supply will be increased 320,000,000 gallons—enough to supply the city several months.

Plans are also under way for the removal of the two smaller pumps now in use, and replacing them with one having a capacity of 5,000,000 gallons daily. When all these additions to the plant are completed it will be a model one in every respect.

The present officers of the company are:
President—Walter Reeves.
Vice President—Alfred Birnie.
Secretary and treasurer—C. L. Goodhue.
Manager—David E. Huggans.

*I've never seen Sherman W. Tucker referred to as "William" elsewhere, but this is very probably our man. I have found one other William Tucker in Streator at this time, but he was a travelling buyer for C. G. Wignall & Co. and usually went by "W. H. H. Tucker." Also, the mention of "boiler capacity" leads me to suspect this is the "boiler shops" in which Sherman left Farmer City in 1900 for employment. Perhaps by 1903 he had been promoted from the boiler shop to fireman.

The 1907–08 city directory described Sherman as a yardman at the Gas Works.

The 1909–10 city directory described Sherman as working at the Illinois Light & Traction Co.

The 1910 census described Sherman as a foreman at a gas plant.

SDFP 1911-12-15 p. 1: Sherman Tucker, an employee of the Public Service gas plant, was overcome by gas while at work this morning. At 11:45 he was

conveyed in the ambulance to his home, 601 Powell street.

SDFP 1913-02-18 p. 8: Sherman W. Tucker, an employee at the gas plant, was overcome by gas just before noon today, and the ambulance was called to take him to the hospital. Mr. Tucker was in the "booster" house, and in some manner the gas leaked into the room. Before he realized he was inhaling the fumes he was rendered unconscious. The ambulance and a doctor were summoned and the unconscious man was taken to the hospital. At 3 o'clock this afternoon he was reported as reviving, and he will no doubt be in his usual health in a few days.

Despite appearances, Sherman's employer remained constant from 1907 to at least 1913. The 1907–08 city directory included an advertisement for the Illinois Light & Traction Co. offering "Gas for cooking, for lighting, for heating." In 1910 the Illinois Light & Traction Company was bought by the Illinois Valley Gas & Electric Company, which was bought by the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois in 1911.

In 1915 Sherman paid $5.00 for a milk wagon license. Perhaps he was growing tired of inhaling toxic gas and sought a new source of income.

The 1920 census described him as a laborer at a "car works." The Streator Car Company, which built and rebuilt railroad cars, was casually referred to as the "Streator Car Works" or just "the car works" in the newspapers.

In 1911 and 1913 Sherman was elected "Picket" of the Home Fraternal League, a fraternal beneficiary society of which he was a member.

Anna and Sherman W. lived together until October 1921 and were granted a divorce 1928-11-06.

SDTP 1928-09-15 p. 4: Circuit Court: Anna Tucker vs. Sherman Tucker bill for divorce, leave to prosecute as a poor person.

SDTP 1928-11-06 p. 7: Mrs. Anna Tucker of Streator was granted a decree of divorce from Sherman Tucker at a hearing before Judge Frank H. Hayes in the circuit court today. Mrs. Tucker won her decree on charges of desertion. She informed the jurist that she and the defendant were married March 18, 1891, and lived together until October 1921, when her husband left her without reason and has since continued to live apart from her.

At this time, American law required one spouse to prove that the other was

guilty of wrongful conduct before a divorce would be granted. The spouse seeking the divorce usually had to prove not only the other's fault, but his own blamelessness as well. Thus, even if both partners wanted to divorce, one of them had to be accused of one of the grounds for divorce: adultery, cruelty, desertion, drunkenness, or neglect to provide.

> Desertion or desertion with other charges and cruelty or cruelty with other charges exceed by far all other causes for divorce. In 1915 out of a total of 4,116 divorces, 3,247, or 78.77 percent were granted on the two principal charges of Desertion and Cruelty. In considering the significance of these figures one must again remember how easy it is to utilize these charges. Desertion is very simple and the term Cruelty can be construed to cover almost anything and in addition one should remember that there is very little stigma attached to either charge even when proven.
> *Marriage and Divorce: Analysis of Cook County Statistics for Years 1914 and 1915* (Bureau of Social Service, Chicago 1916).

Sherman moved to Ottawa where the only traces of his later years are provided by the city directory and census.

1926 he was a laborer residing at 401 W. Madison with Evlan and Charlotte Puffer and their child.

1928 he was a laborer at the Ottawa Silica Co. and had moved with Evlan and Charlotte Puffer, who now had two children, to 412 W. Jackson.

1930 he was a janitor at the Central Life building. According to the city directory he was residing at The Palmer Apartments, 824 Columbus. According to the census he was residing at The Palm Apartments, 117 E. Jackson. The Palm Apartments is right behind The Palmer Apartments, so the discrepancy isn't too important. The 1930 census recorded him as a boarder of Harry and Eva Kinson. Kinson was "Captain in charge of Salvation Army Citadel" in 1924/1926.

1935 he was a farmhand residing in the home of Mrs. Rose Sage in Dayton Township, north of Ottawa.

Now something funny happened: Harry Kinson married Rose Sage. Both were widowed in 1935 when they married, but he was 48 and she was twenty years older. Did Sherman introduce Kinson to his employer, or did Kinson procure the job for Sherman on his new *belle's* farm?

1940 census listed him as a roomer at the Travelers Inn Hotel, 219½ W. Main.

1943 he was a lodger with Irvin J. and Bertha Dagget at 201½ W. Main.

1946 the Daggets had moved to 1629 Mulberry. Sherman didn't appear in the 1946 directory but it's likely he went with the Daggets, since he was listed at that address in 1949 and 1951, as well as the 1950 census, which recorded him as their lodger.

The Illinois Statewide Death Index, 1916-1972, lists one Sherman Tucker, age 84, date of death 1953-01-28, in Kendall county, certificate #0002508. I don't know what he was doing in Kendall county or how he got there from Ottawa.

https://www.ilsos.gov/departments/archives/databases/idphdeathindex.html

Anna Tucker

Anna was 50 years old when Sherman left. She appears to have been very socially active in her later years. Based on newspaper evidence, she was an active member of the: American War Mothers between 1929 and 1933; American Legion Auxiliary between 1928 and 1941; and Fidelity Temple No. 12, Pythian Sisters throughout most of her life, but particularly after 1930.

> SDFP 1923-12-17 p. 8: Mrs. [Anna] Tucker and her daughter Minnie of Powell street have already received one of their Christmas gifts and already they are planning to enjoy it. The gift is a trip to England where they will visit some of the old friends and relatives of Mrs. Tucker. Although the gift has been made at this time, they do not intend to go until early in the summer. The gift is from Mrs. Tucker's two sons [John and David].

Jeanette had been living in the house on Powell street since 1927, and the 1930 census recorded her as head of household. A supplemental real estate assessment published 1930-10-02 showed that the deed was now in Jeanette's name. Margaret had been there since at least 1925, but 1939-02-21 she married George Heinz and moved out. Now it was just Anna, Jeanette, and her daughter Roseann. In 1939 Jeanette purchased a house at 603 S. Vermillion. She probably chose this location because it was only a few blocks away from St. Marys hospital at 615 S. Bloomington (the new one was built in 1963 at 111 Spring in essentially the same location). Jeanette was a private nurse, and as of 1940 the city directories began listing her employment address as her home address, i.e., 603 S. Vermillion, which

suggests that her change of residence was motivated by work factors (or vice versa).

But once again I want to examine in detail when and how the Tuckers came to own this new home.

In 1908, Henry A. and Katherine Grennan purchased 603 S. Vermillion and lived there until 1925.

In 1925, Ernest and Marie (Mary) Munson purchased 603 S. Vermillion and lived there until 1939.

In 1939, Jeanette Tucker purchased 603 S. Vermillion and lived there until 1947 with Anna and Roseann.

Sometime in late 1946 or early 1947, Roseann married Richard A. Grennan, the son of Henry A. and Katherine Grennan. Richard had been born in 1926 and therefore never lived at 603 S. Vermillion, but it's still a remarkable coincidence. I can find no evidence to suggest the Grennans affected Jeanette's purchase. (Sherman Tucker and Henry Grennan were both employees of the Public Service Company in 1912, so perhaps the two families were acquainted.)

However, a link does exist between the Munsons and the Tuckers: the 1910 census we viewed above. Between 1909 and 1925, the Tuckers resided at 601 Powell while the Munsons resided two doors down at 710 Powell. This case seems less likely to be a coincidence and more likely to be a matter of an old family friend mentioning that they wanted to sell their house. Thus, 1939-11-10 Marie Munson transferred to Jeanette Tucker the deed to 603 S. Vermillion, where she remained until 1947.

SDTP 1946-07-06 p. 3: DEATH TAKES ANNA TUCKER.

Mrs. Anna Tucker, 75, who was ill in her home at 603 S. Vermillion street since February, died there at 6:30 o'clock this morning.

Services will be held from Christ Episcopal church at 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon with burial following in St. Mary's cemetery. The body will be at the Elias funeral home where friends may call after two o'clock Sunday until the hour of the service.

The daughter of John and Margaret Coxon, Mrs. Tucker was born at New Castle-on-Tyne, England, January 11, 1871. She came to America with her parents when she was 15 years of age and was married here to Sherman Tucker, March 18, 1890.

Eight children were born to the couple, two of whom, Mrs. Minnie Wolfe and an infant son, preceded Mrs. Tucker in death. Left in addition to Mr. Tucker are the following: Mrs. George (Mary Ellen) Wright, Miss Janet Tucker R. N. and

Mrs. George (Margaret) Heinz, Streator; John Tucker, Sacramento, Cal.; and David and Fred Tucker, Elkhart. Ind. There are 18 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. She was the last member of her immediate family.

Mrs. Tucker was a member of the Episcopal church, the Pythian Sisters and the Legion auxiliary.

SDTP 1946-07-09 p. 2: Funeral Rites Conducted for Mrs. Anna Tucker.

Funeral services for Mrs. Anna Tucker were held from Christ Episicopal church at 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon, Rev. J. F. G. Hopper officiating. Mrs. Elizabeth Barber presided at the organ. Pallbearers were Andrew Bakalar, John Hawdon, David Scent, Tony Stieman, Edward Barrett, and Matthew Hamilton. The flowers were in charge of Anna Soderstrom, Anna Evans, Annetta Soderstrom, Stella Thiedohr, Lola Rathbun, Molly Weber, and Janet Lawton. Interment occurred in St. Mary's cemetery.

Services were held at the grave by the Legion auxiliary with Mildred Chapel, Grace Pugh, Cecil Leese and Irene Worrell in charge. The Pythian Sisters conducted their ritual in the Elias funeral home Sunday evening with Mrs. John Peters in charge.

Attending the services from a distance were Roseann Tucker, Fern Paskina, and Mr. and Mrs. James Robertson and family, Peoria; Margaret Ann and Edward Wolfe, Ottawa; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tucker and David Tucker and son, William, Elkhart, Ind.; Mrs. Frank Franks, Peru; Mrs. Carl Brewer, Mendota; and Mrs. Adolph Pomeranke, Benson.

"John Hawdon" was probably John W. Hawdon (b. 1895-12-24; d. 1990-11-15), the son of Frederick W. Hawdon. David Scent was the husband of Jean(n)ette (b. 1899-06-23; d. 1956-07-17), the daughter of Frederick W. Hawdon. Mrs. John Peters was probably Elizabeth Peters, the sister-in-law of Frederick W. Hawdon. And if further proof is needed that Anna didn't fight with all of her neighbors, Andrew Bakalar had lived with his wife Bertha at 607 Powell since 1914. Tony Stieman, Edward Barrett, and Matthew Hamilton were probably furnished by the American Legion.

Jeanette Tucker

Jeanette Tucker was born 1894-02-08 in Streator. She added the middle name "Anna" when she was baptised 1920-05-29 at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, IL, while in training to be a nurse.

The 1910 census does not record her as a resident of 601 Powell, but the 1911–12 city directory does. A club she belonged to met at Powell street

1917-04-04. In 1917 she was boarding in the house of John and Mary Carroll at 305 Rush; she might have moved there after 1917-04-04, or she might have been using her mother's house for her turn to host the club meeting.

> SDFP 1918-11-08 p. 1: Jennette Tucker, who makes her home with Mrs. [John] C. Carroll, has a pair of pigeons of which she thinks a great deal, and they have seemed to return her affections by alighting on her shoulders and eating out of her hands. The pigeons left and were gone for two days, and Miss Tucker was in despair. She feared they had been shot but the commotion yesterday caused by the premature celebrating made the birds seek the loving protection they had forsaken. There was rejoicing at their return and they were served with choice cake (not fatted calf).

Mrs. Carroll's son, John Arthur Carroll, had enlisted in the Army Aviation Corps in August 1917, and in a letter from France dated 1918-01-03 he wrote "We were not in England long and it would have been impossible to locate Jannett's aunt," so we know Jeanette was a boarder before August 1917 when Arthur departed. Jeanette's brother, John, who was also in France, wrote to his mother in a letter dated 1919-03-18 "I have not heard from Aunt Lizzie for over five months. I tried to get a leave to go over and see them, but they would only let us go in this country." "Aunt Lizzie" was presumably Elizabeth (Coxon) Wright (b. 1865-02-14; d. 1929-01-07) of Newcastle upon Tyne.

Jeanette was in Streator on 1919-12-23, but the 1920 census—conducted on 3 January—doesn't record her as a resident at 305 Rush. In fact, she had just entered St. John's Hospital Training School for nurses in Springfield, IL, where class began on 2 January.

> *County Review*, Effingham, Illinois 1919-11-26 p. 7:
> WANT TO BE A NURSE?
> The St. John's Hospital school for nurses, Springfield, Ill., will open a new class for young women wishing to become graduate nurses, on January 2, 1920. The school course is three years and offers a splendid training not only theoretically and practically, but also morally, so that the young women when they leave the school are well fitted for any opportunities offered them in their profession.
> The school is accredited by the State and has been recognized by that department as one of the best equipped and conducted schools for nurses in the State. All pupils take the State Board examination for nurses which entitles them to be Registered nurses.

The main requirements are that the applicant must be a good virtuous woman, at least nineteen (19) years of age and must have had at least one year of High School work.

Superintendent of Nurses, St. John's Hospital, Springfield, Ill.

The school was founded in 1886 to train the Hospital Sisters of Saint Francis and is considered the first Catholic Nursing Program in the United States. A sense of the school's curriculum can be had by reading *The Nursing Sister: A Manual for Candidates and Novices of Hospital Communities,* first written and published by the Sisters at St. John's Hospital School of Nursing in 1899. Three other editions followed (1900, 1903, 1905) and were used through the mid-1920s.
https://archive.org/details/nursingsister00stjo/page/n3/mode/2up

Streator Daily Free Press for 1921-07-06 carried this bit of news: "Miss Jannette Tucker returned today to her duties as nurse to St. John's hospital, Springfield, Ill. Before leaving the boarders at Carroll's on Rush street presented Miss Tucker with $40 in gold. Mrs. Carroll went to Dwight with her" (p. 7).

SDFP 1922-10-19 p. 3: Mrs. John Carroll left today for Springfield to be present at the graduation of Miss Miss Jeannette Tucker of Streator from St. John's hospital.

SDFP 1922-10-23 p. 8: Mrs. John Mills and Miss Lola Bargreen have returned from Springfield, Ill., where they attended the graduating exercises at St. John's hospital, Oct. 19th. Miss Leda [Leta T.] Schmitt, a sister of Mrs. Mills, completed her three years course of training as a nurse. She returned to this city and will practice here for the present, which will be good news to her friends. Miss Jeanette Tucker of this city was also a graduate. Mrs. John Carroll and Miss Sue Chike returned at the same time after attending the ceremonies.

"Sue Chike" (AKA Sue Choko AKA Sue Chiyko) was Susan Francis Chayko Matejeski. On the occasion of her wedding to M. J. Wargo in 1924, the Streator Daily Free Free Press wrote "[she] has been employed as housekeeper at the Richard Berry home on West Lincoln avenue for a great number of years and was very valued there. She is the daughter of Mrs. Susan Chayko and her pleasant manner has always brought her many friends."

The relationship between Jeanette and Mary Carroll (b. 1854-11-18; d.

1945-11-09) was enduring.

> SDTP 1944-02-07 p. 3: Mr. and Mrs. John Carroll, both of whom have been quite ill recently, observed their wedding anniversary in their home at 305 Rush street Friday, with their nurse, Miss Jeanette Tucker and several members of the family present. Mrs. Ella Burns, a sister of Mrs. Carroll, who has made her home with them for many years, is also recuperating from the flu, having also been under the care of Miss Tucker.

> SDTP 1945-11-09 p. 9: Marriage ties of 66 years were severed at nine o'clock this morning, when death claimed Mrs. John Carroll in her home, 305 Rush street, following an extended illness attributed to the infirmities of old age, the past two weeks of which she was bedfast.
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> Services will be held in the Immaculate Conception church at nine o'clock Monday morning, with burial following in St. Mary's cemetery. The body will be at the Solon funeral home where friends may call after four o'clock Saturday until 8:30 o'clock Monday morning, when the remains will be taken to the church.
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> The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Dunn, Mary Ann Dunn was born November 18, 1854, near Chenoa, and was united in marriage there with John C. Carroll of this community, February 4, 1879. They became the parents of two children, Arthur Carroll of Pontiac and Patrick Earl Carroll of this city, both of whom are left with their father. Mrs. Carroll also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Nellie Rudd of Brighton, Ill., and Mrs. Julia Duggan of Plankington, S. Dak. Two brothers and three sisters preceded her in death. There are three granddaughters.
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> Mrs. Carroll was a devout member of the Immaculate Conception church, the Altar and Rosary society and was also affiliated with the [American] Legion auxiliary. She was a woman of high ideals and a gentle woman in every sense of the word. Her fine Christian character impressed all with whom she came in contact and her home radiated that spirit and embraced those who had occasion to call.
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> Mr. and Mrs. Carroll established their home in this city 56 years ago, and through the intervening period, surrounded themselves with scores of admirers. For many years, Mrs. Carroll operated a boarding house on Rush street making a home for the many bottle blowers who were employed at the American Bottle plant in close proximity. The residence was one of the most hospitable in the city with the latch string always out. The passing of Mrs. Carroll, brings great sorrow to all in the community.

At a bridal shower for Sue Chayko, Streator Daily Free Press reported, "It was announced that Miss Tucker is a nurse at the St. Mary's hospital and would like to have some nice young men for charges" (SDTP 1924-02-

01 p. 1). One of these nice young men might have been responsible for the birth of Roseann Tucker 1926-08-12. On the 1930 census, Jeanette claimed Roseann was an adopted sister born in Missouri. On the 1940 census, she admitted Roseann was her daughter, but maintained her birthplace was Missouri.

According to Jeanette's niece, Karen Jean (Heinz) Sheldon, "The story I was told was the father was a very wealthy prominent man in the community. So it is possible it was an affair or a rape and she was threatened not to tell. She went to Springfield, IL, supposedly to work at a nunnery, and she returned with her 'adopted' daughter." St. John's Hospital, where she had trained four years earlier, would have been a poor choice if she were seeking a place to give birth to an illegitimate child in anonymity. Might she have gone to Springfield, Missouri rather than Springfield, Illinois?

From 1925 onwards she and Roseann lived with Anna at 601 Powell, until 1939 when they sold the house to their neighbor at 535 Powell, grocer Frank Lux, and all three moved to 603 S. Vermillion.

SDTP 1946-02-05 p. 1: LOCAL WOMAN ASSAULTED ON WAY TO HOME

Miss Jeanette Tucker, Local Nurse, Struck By Man On Vermillion Street.

Police today were making an intensive search for an unidentified man who fled last night after striking Miss Jeanette Tucker, Streator nurse, in the face as she was walking in the 600 block of South Vermillion street, about 11 o'clock last night. Her home is at 605 South Vermillion street.

The man was described as "not too tall, wearing a slouch hat, and a light colored overcoat with a belted effect." His features were not discernible in the darkness.

Miss Tucker told police she was walking home when she saw the man suddenly dart out from the side of a residence at 601 South Vermillion street, run toward her, strike her in the face with his fist and flee east on Spring street. Her screams attracted several persons from homes in the vicinity, but by the time they reached the street her assailant had disappeared.

Police were called and a thorough search of the neighborhood made, but without any trace of the man.

Miss Tucker said he made no utterance either when he approached her or when he struck out with his fist. She was at a complete loss to account for the assault.

In their investigation today, police had a number of leads, one of which was regarded as likely to bring about the identification and apprehension of the assailant.

SDTP 1946-02-07 p. 1: CHILDREN SAVED FROM ATTACK BY MYSTERY MAN

Twin Daughters of Frank Gotch Grabbed By Stranger On Lundy Street.

Streator's mysterious attacker was roaming the streets again last night, and in the same neighborhood as on Monday, when he bolted from between two homes in the 600 block of South Vermillion street, struck Jeanette Tucker, a local nurse, and fled.

Victims of his latest appearance are the twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gotch, 502 South Vermillion street, Marilyn and Marcia, six-years-old, who were grabbed by the stranger as they walked along Lundy street between Vermillion and Sterling streets, about 6:30 p.m.

As he reached out for the one child, and clutched her by the shoulders, the other fled screaming onto the porch of a home nearby. The cries of the two children brought several persons from their home, causing the assailant to release the girl and dart through an alley. All attempts to trace his flight were unavailing.

Police were on the scene within a few minutes of the attempted attack, again combing the entire neighborhood, but unsuccessful in their search as on the previous occasion Monday night.

That the one individual was responsible for both attacks was evident from the description furnished by all three victims. He was attired in much the same garb last night as on Monday, with his physical stature regarded as the same in both instances.

Police continued their patrol of the section of the city in question throughout the night in the hope the prowler would make a second appearance. No further trace of him was found, however.

In their investigation they have questioned a number of suspects, but in each instance, alibis were established, and the men released.

SDTP 1946-03-09 p. 1: STREATOR MAN IDENTIFIED AS NIGHT PROWLER

Chief of Police Ray Eutsey said today that Fred Harmon, 28, Streator, had been identified by Miss Jeanette Tucker, local nurse, as the man who assaulted her as she was enroute to her home on South Vermillion street, several weeks ago.

Harmon, arrested yesterday afternoon as a prowler suspect, was brought before Miss Tucker at police headquarters last night. The nurse was virtually positive in her identification of Harmon as the man who had struck her and fled, Chief Eutsey said. Harman would not admit the offense.

Police also appeared satisfied that the prisoner is the same individual who has been seen prowling about homes in various sections of the city, knocking on doors and then disappearing without any word, when approached by occupants of the household.

When questioned yesterday, Chief Eutsey said Harmon had admitted going to different homes in scattered sections of the city in search of a particular young woman whom he wanted to marry. He had seen the girl, but with her identity unknown to him, had gone out looking for her, Harmon is alleged to have told the police head.

Chief Eutsey said the man is apparently mentally deficient, and is to be given a sanity hearing in the county court at Ottawa.

Harmon has resided in Streator the past three years, coming here from Redfield, Minn.

The *Daily Times-Press* neglected to follow up on the story.

Five months later, 1946-07-06, Jeanette's mother died in her home.

I have been unable to determine when Roseann and Richard Grennan married, but it must have been sometime in late 1946 or very early 1947, since their first child arrived 1947-10-11 (Los Angeles County Medical Examiner; Los Angeles, California, USA; Los Angeles, California, U.S., Coroner's Inquest Index, 1992–2024). The complete lack of information in the local newspaper about the marriage and birth is odd; perhaps Roseann wanted to avoid the attention it would draw to her parentage. 1946-06-17 Richard was discharged from the navy. September 20 through 24 an advertisement ran in the newspaper for Roseann's Beauty Shop at 603 S. Vermillion, which suggests she had no plans to get married and move out. However, in November, the following piece appeared in the newspaper:

SDTP 1946-11-20 p. 4: Mrs. Val Heinz [Ann, wife of Valentine, 107 W. Elm] and Mrs. Nick Licht [Mary, widow of Nicholas and sister of Ann], who own [116 Washington St.], will convert it into two apartments which will be occupied by Mrs. Licht and Miss Jeannette Tucker R. N. Mrs. Licht has been living in the home of her late mother, Mrs. Catherine Miller, 532 Powell St., which was recently sold to Joe Studnicki.

So, sometime in October or November, Jeanette decided to leave 603 S. Vermillion and move in with an old friend from Powell street. That Roseann was not mentioned suggests her daughter had already or was soon to be married. After her recent assault, her mother's death, and now her daughter's departure Jeanette was probably feeling lonely. 1946-12-14 Jeanette transferred the deed to 603 S. Vermillion to Matthew H. and Anna F. Coley.

By 1948 Jeanette was living at 209 E. Morrell, the house her sister,

Margaret, and her husband George Heinz had purchased in 1944. In fact, Roseann had been living there in 1945, according to the city directory. Why Jeanette didn't move there directly after selling her home is unknown. Perhaps the house and its apartment were already at full occupancy. Who was living there and when is murky, as we will see. When Roseann gave birth to her second son 1949-06-03 she too was living there (presumably with Richard Grennan).

In 1948 Jeanette took a job as an industrial nurse at Thatcher Glass Manufacturing Co., where she worked until she retired in 1962.

> SDTP 1976-01-20 p. 6: Word has been received of the death of Miss Janet A. Tucker, 82, former Streator resident, who died Monday at 8 p.m. in St. Joseph's hospital, Tampa, Fla., where she had been a patient since Dec. 16. Private services are tentatively set for Wednesday at 11 a.m. from the Llanana-Panno-Falla funeral home, New Orleans, La., with burial in Lake Lawn Park cemetery, New Orleans. Mass will be said at St. Louis King of France church.
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> Miss Tucker made her home in Tampa for a number of years and with her daughter, Mrs. R. A. (Roseann) Grennan of Metairie, La.
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> Born Feb. 8, 1894 in Farmer City, she was the daughter of S. W. and Anna (Coxon) Tucker. Surviving is one daughter, Roseann Grennan; four grandchildren, Timothy, Michael, Pamela and Carolyn Grennan and one great-grandchild, Eric Grennan, all of New Orleans; a brother, David Tucker of Elkhart, Ind.; a sister, Mrs. George (Margaret) Heinz of Streator and 15 nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, John, Fred and William and two sisters, Mrs. George (Mary Ellen) Wright and Mrs. Edward (Minnie) Wolfe. When living in Streator, Miss Tucker was a member of the Immaculate Conception church. She was a registered nurse, graduating from St. John's Hospital of Nursing, Springfield. She worked at St. Mary's hospital for a number of years, also doing private duty, and was an industrial nurse at the Thatcher Glass Mfg. Co. for 14 years until her retirement.

Margaret Tucker

Margaret was born 1904-02-04 in Streator. Her name appeared in the newspaper for the first time 1919-06-12 when she graduated from eighth grade. According to SDTP 1939-02-27 p. 10, she attended Brown's Business College, presumably where she learned book-keeping and stenography. The school's 1923-10-01 newspaper ad asked:

> What do you do with your evenings?

Ten, twenty years from today you may bitterly regret that you did not use them to fit yourself for a bigger career in life. Every spare hour that you now waste is an irreparable loss.

Spend your evenings profitably. Enroll NOW in Brown's Night School for a training that will definitely start you toward promotion and greater earning power.

Brown's Business College
STREATOR, ILL.

In 1925 she was a book-keeper at Goldberg-Samors Co. The company's full-page ad in the city directory shows they were scrap merchants:

AUTOS BOUGHT, SOLD, AND EXCHANGED

Our cash buying power enables us to sell you our cars at a great deal less than prices asked where they take in cars in trade for new ones. We are direct cash buyers from the manufacturers of tires and all high-grade automobile accessories for all makes of cars, and we also carry a full line of new guaranteed Auto Springs for all popular makes of cars. We are, therefore, in a position to furnish you with this merchandise at 25 per cent. saving to you.

AUTO PARTS

Autos wanted in any shape. Modern running cars and Auto Parts for all make cars on hand at all times, sold very reasonable.

New high-grade Auto Accessories such as Spot Lights, Spark Plugs, Brake Lining, Tires, Tubes, etc., at 25 per cent. less than prices asked elsewhere.

Highest cash prices paid for Junk, such as Rags, Magazines, Scrap Iron, Rubber, etc. Our wagons call free of charge.

We have for sale all kinds of Pipes, Pulleys, Cable Rope, Chains, Picks, etc. Come and inspect our stock.

TRADE WITH US. WE SAVE YOU MONEY.
Goldberg-Samors Company
115 South Park Street and Main and Shabbona Streets
Phone 348-L Phone 227

By 1927 she had moved on to Baldwin Bros Coal Co. (George M. and Joseph F.) at 203 S. Illinois.

SDTP 1927-10-05 p. 4: Attention! The Illinois coal strike is now settled and we are the exclusive dealers of "GROVELAND" coal, from Tazewell County. Within a few days we will be able to furnish our customers with genuine "GROVELAND" coal at $5.75 per ton delivered. For quality and prompt service, Baldwin Bros.

Coal Co. PHONE 51.

The 1929–30 city directory is confusing, listing two Margaret Tuckers, book-keepers, residing at different addresses, so she might or might not have moved on to Askin's Men's and Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Clothing, at 205 E. Main.

The 1930 census recorded her as a stenographer at an automobile body factory. The 1929–30 city directory lists Anthony Co. Inc. under "automobile body manufacturers" in the business directory.

1929-10-22 five days after the stock market crashed, a notice appeared in the newspaper: "Registration for the American Beauty Culture School will be held Wednesday and Thursday, 202 Main street." If Margaret missed it, she probably saw one of the ads that ran for a week the next January: "WANTED: Students to learn Beauty Culture and all its branches. This school is taught by expert instructors. Reasonable charge and personal supervision. This is an accredited school. American Beauty Culture School, 202 W. Main St." The school was an adjunct of the American Beauty Shop, owned by Helen Sawyer, a divorcée who had come to Streator in 1927. We can only speculate as to why Margaret thought this was a good time to change careers. Perhaps book-keeping jobs had become hard to find.* Regardless, she entered the American Beauty Culture School and in November the following notice appeared in the newspaper:

*"It was 1929, and with the onslaught of the depression, the sweater factory went out of business. There was no work to be found [in Cleveland] so, with no alternative, Emma enrolled in Beauty Culture School, which proved to be a very wise decision. After the six-month course, she secured a position in a beauty shop downtown for $8.00 per week, barely enough for transportation and lunches. Our next move was to remodel our dining room into a beauty shop." *Footsteps Through Time*, Irene Planinsek Odorizzi (Washington Landmark Tours, 1978) p. 84.

SDTP 1930-11-17 p. 7: Seven members of the graduating class of the American Beauty school of this city went to Peoria this morning, where they are taking the state examination for beauty experts. The following were the local women who took the examination: Maude Bradford, Evelyn Fornero, Frances Gelbate, Maurine Harrington, Ruth Jones, Delia Lechner, Margaret Tucker.

SDTP 1930-12-20 p. 2: Members of the graduating class of the American Beauty School received word yesterday that all had passed the examination given them by the state board in Peoria on November 17. Local members of the class who are

now registered are: Maude Bradford, Evelyn Fornero, Frances Galbate, Maurine Herrington, Ruth M. Jones, and Margaret Tucker.

The American Beauty Culture School didn't last out the year. 1933-03-14 Helen Sawyer was elected President of the Beauty Operators and two weeks later appeared before the city council.

SDTP 1933-03-28 p. 4: The cause of the beauty parlor operators was taken up by Mrs. Helen Sawyer, who declared that in all other business endeavors, reductions on labor and prices were imperative if the owner was to continue operating. Utility rates, however, remained at the same level, she said, and in meeting expenses, profits were shattered, rent payments were lagging, and a satisfactory livelihood near impossible. She was firm in the demand that all utility rates should be brought down in proportion to other commodities.

By the end of the year, Mrs. Sawyer had moved to Chicago.

According to an article in the *Daily Times-Press* for 1935-12-11 p. 10, Margaret began her career as a beautician in Ottawa, where she spent two years before returning to Streator. 1932-08-15 ads began appearing in the *Daily Times-Press* for "Marguerite Beauty Shop" offering guaranteed permanents for $2.00, $4.00, and $6.00. She operated out of her mother's house until sometime after August. By November she had secured a shop at 420 E. Main, where she remained until August 1934. She re-opened at 120 S. Park and began advertising under the name "Marguerite Beauty Shop" again, having forsaken it earlier. She increased her advertising during the first half of 1935, but unfortunately in June she was afflicted by tuberculosis.

SDTP 1935-06-25 p. 7: Miss Freda Gorrels, of Benson, Ill., has taken over the Marguerite Beauty Shop, 120 S. Park street, during the absence of Miss Margaret Tucker.

SDTP 1935-07-11 p. 5: Miss Margaret Tucker, owner of the Marguerite Beauty Shop, left for the Highland sanitarium for several months rest. During her absence the shop will be in charge of Miss Frieda Garrels of Benson.

SDTP 1935-09-24 p. 10: Miss Margaret Tucker, owner of the Marguerite Beauty Shop, has returned to the home of her mother, Mrs. Anna Tucker, after spending the past few months at the Highland Sanitarium for a rest. Miss Katherine Kelly is in charge of the beauty shop.

The Highland Sanitarium was the La Salle County Tuberculosis Sanitarium. (For example, see Streator *Daily Times-Press* 1935-07-09 p. 2, "Former Patient of County Sanitarium to Aid Supervision.")

> LaSalle was the first county in the State to construct and open a tuberculosis sanatorium under the Glackin law. Highland, the County Sanatorium, located at Ottawa, was dedicated on Sunday, February 2, 1919. In his annual report submitted in July 1924 [sic], Dr. A. J. Roberts, the medical director, states: "Five years ago this board established and put in operation the County Tuberculosis Sanatorium. In that time we have admitted over five hundred patients in an institution having a capacity of fifty patients at any one time." The institution has three distinct departments: The Infirmary, the Ambulatory, and the Preventorium. On the nursing staff there are one graduate nurse and three undergraduate nurses on day duty; one graduate nurse on night duty; one technician; one undergraduate nurse to give ultra violet ray treatments. Dr. A. J. Roberts is the medical director; Letha Chadwell, R. N., the superintendent.
> *The Illinois Arrow*, issued by the Illinois Tuberculosis Association, Springfield, Ill. Vol. V, August, 1922, No. 8.

> Highland, LaSalle County Tuberculosis Sanatorium, is located at Ottawa and has a bed capacity of 74. Dr. Vernon H. Madsen is medical director and Mrs. Olga-Marie Schultz is full-time rehabilitation coordinator. The in-sanatorium rehabilitation program includes publication of a sanatorium magazine, vocational testing and counseling, craft therapy, library service, and a bedside teaching program.
> *Illinois Rehabilitates the Tuberculous* (Illinois Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, 1949) p. 8.

> SDTP 1935-11-19 p. 4: SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Nov, 19—(AP) An increase in tuberculosis durIng the past three years was reported today by the public health department. "Case reports last year were 6 per cent higher than in 1933 and this year they have been running about 3 per cent above the 1934 figures," a bulletin said. No increase in mortality was shown, however."

Despite this increase, cases in Streator were relatively low: City Physician Theresa Jennings reported to the city council only four in all of 1935.

> SDTP 1935-12-11 p. 10: New equipment and a new location has been secured by the Marguerite Beauty Shop at 120 N. Park street, where Miss Margaret Tucker and her associate, Miss Ella Galbate, will henceforth look after their clientele.

> Miss Tucker has been in the beauty culture business for the past five years, two of which were spent in Ottawa. She has recently taken Miss Galbate in as a partner. Miss Galbate received her training at the Illinois Beauty Culture school at LaSalle, while Miss Tucker studied with Mrs. Helen Sawyer, who conducted the American Beauty Culture school in this city a number of years ago. The former location of the Marguerite shop was at 120 S. Park street.

1935-12-11 Margaret bought her first display ad in the newspaper to promote her new location, then went silent until 1936-05-06, when the last ad for Marguerite Beauty Shop appeared. Shortly thereafter, she returned to the Highland Sanitarium.

> SDTP 1936-10-03 p. 2: Miss Margaret Tucker, who has been a patient at the Highland sanitarium in Ottawa for the past three and one-half months, has returned to the home of her mother on Powell street, where she will remain for the winter. Miss Tucker is improved in health, which will be good news to her friends.

Evidently she lost the shop at 120 S. Park as a result of this extended absence, for when she resumed advertising 1936-11-20 she was back in her mother's house and using the name Margaret Tucker Beauty Shop. She remained there until 1939-01-18, when she moved to 112 N. Vermillion. She was living there in an apartment when she and George J. Heinz were married 1939-02-21.

Mary Ellen Minnie Tucker

Mary "Nellie" Ellen (b. 1892-05-01; d. 1974-10-31) married George Wright (b. 1888-07-13; d. 1960-09-21) on 1910-06-18. They had seven children. They remained married for 50 years and resided in Streator all their lives.

John Tucker

John Eli Tucker was born 1896-02-01 or 05 in Farmer City. He enlisted in the army 1917-05-09 and was sent to France with Company C 16th Infantry Regiment (Service #42332). With Company A 53rd Pioneer Infantry Regiment he participated in the Meuse-Argonne offensive in September

1918. In a letter from France dated 1919-03-18 he wrote "Mother, I don't like to write this but it is true. W. Wiggett and H. Helton were in the platoon I had at the Argonne woods and they were both killed standing not over five feet from me and are both buried right there at the foot of Hill 212. All of the best friends I had were either killed or badly wounded at Argonne." 1919-04-22 he sailed for home from Brest on the U.S.S. Vermont.

By 1920-05-15 John was back in Streator, working at the Western Glass factory, when he and Laura (née Richards) Scholtka were married. She was a divorcée with a four-year-old son from a previous marriage.

SDTP 1920-06-11 p. 1: John Tucker was arrested Wednesday on complaint of his wife charged with wife and child abandonment. According to the wife Tucker deserted his wife and child about a month ago. He was arraigned before Justice Myers this morning but the case was continued until next Monday.

SDTP 1923-01-15 p. 1: Ottawa, Jan. 15. Mrs. Laura Tucker of Streator was today granted a divorce from John Tucker and allowed to resume her maiden name Laura Scholtka. [Her maiden name was actually Richards; Scholtka was her first husband's name.] The grounds of divorce was desertion. The couple were married May 15, 1920, and the husband left home June 19, 1920. Max Murdock represented the plaintiff.

1924-02-09 John was working as a repair man in the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy railroad yards.

SDTP 1927-06-02 p. 9: John Tucker, ex-service man and until recently employed at the Y. M. C. A., has been assigned to the task of taming Streator's speed demons and clearing the city of all other traffic law violators during the summer months. Mr. Tucker began his duties yesterday and will be astride the city motorcycle for the next few months. He is under strict orders to arrest all speeders and others who may disregard the traffic laws, whether it be running a stop light, parking near a hydrant, or operating with a cut-out open.

Numerous reports of speeding in various sections of the city have come into police headquarters and with the infractions becoming more common each day, authorities are determined to bring a nearly climax to the menace. The new officer will be on duty night and day and will turn a deaf ear to all excuses.

SDTP 1928-04-19 p. 12: John Tucker, for the past two years employed by the Streator Y.M.C.A. as club room attendant and supervisor of the equipment for the swimming pool, has tendered his resignation to take effect Monday, April 23rd. Mr. Tucker has accepted a more lucrative position in the military branch of

the Michigan State College, located at Ann Arbor, Michigan, and will start his duties in that department on next Monday.

This is a real opportunity for Mr. Tucker and one that will be right in line with his varied experience in army life. On May 11, 1917, he enlisted in the regular army and was assigned to the 16th infantry. He served 22 months overseas and took part in every major engagement of the World War. His services in the Streator American Legion, of which he has given much of his time in their splendid program in Streator, has been very creditable.

Mr. Tucker will be greatly missed in the Y.M.C.A. as the boys and men have come to depend upon his reserve disposition, as necessary asset to the duties of the club room attendant. His many friends together with the Y. M. C. A. staff are sorry to lose him in Streator, but rejoice with him in his opportunity for service to the young manhood which he will come in contact with at the Michigan State College.

Apparently the new job didn't work out, as 1928-10-23 John re-enlisted in the army. 1928-12-22 he sailed from Fort McDowell, San Francisco, on the USAT Somme bound for C.G. Philippine Dept. as part of Philippine Provisional Company No. 2 (L-3). 1930-03-11 he sailed from Manila on the U.S. Grant bound for San Francisco arriving 1930-04-07. He was discharged 1930-04-28.

Santa Fe New Mexican 1937-01-13 p. 1: Just a few minutes after she received a final divorce [from Esquipula Martinez] decree in district court yesterday afternoon, Emma [Salazar] Martinez, 35, of Santa Fe, filed application with the county clerk to marry another man, John E. Tucker, 41, also of this city.

SDTP 1951-10-26 p. 3: John E. Tucker, 55, formerly of Streator and a resident of Sacramento, Calif., the past 10 years, died Wednesday, Oct. 24, at the U. S. Marine hospital in San Francisco where he had been a patient since April.

Final rites will be held at the Halsted funeral home in San Francisco next Monday morning with burial in that city.

The son of S. W. Tucker of Ottawa and the late Mrs. Anna Tucker of Streator, the deceased was born Feb. 1, 1896 in Farmer City, Ill. He was united in marriage with Emma Salazar of Santa Fe, New Mexico, in 1937.

Surviving with his wife; father; four children, Eustacio, Henry, Juanita and Frederick, all at home; three sisters, Mrs. Nellie Wright, Miss Jannette Tucker and Mrs. Margaret Heinz, all of Streator; and two brothers, David Tucker and Fred Tucker of Elkhart, Ind.

Mr. Tucker served with the 16th Infantry in France during World War I, and was employed by a federal airport in Sacramento prior to his death.

Fred Tucker

Fred William (b. 1898-09-03; d. 1957-01-03) enlisted in the regular army 1917-05-25 and was assigned to 25th Cavalry Regiment at Fort Russell, Wyoming. For some reason he was discharged only months later 1917-10-29. 1918-05-07 he was back in Streator, working at the Western Glass factory where his arm was severely cut. Fred and Vera Naomi Peters (b. 1902-12-05 Streator; d. 1984-05-02 Elkhart, IN) of Kangley were married at Ottawa 1919-09-09.

> SDTP 1919-12-03 p. 1: Fred Tucker of this city was given a hearing before Judge Bean this afternoon and bound over to the grand jury on $1,000 bonds. His arrest was caused by his wife charging him with wife abandonment. Tucker left his wife on Thanksgiving day stating that he was not going to return and when he did not show up yesterday his wife had the warrant issued.

He was released until the grand jury met, and I've been unable to find any further news coverage of the suit. I'd certainly like to know what was in the air at this time to cause the Tucker men to suddenly desert their wives: Fred in December 1919, John in June 1920, and Sherman in October 1921. Evidently Fred and Vera reconciled, since they lived together until Fred's death. They had one child, Marie (b. 1920-05-03 d. 1983-09-06), whose date of birth suggests a hasty wedding. They resided in Kankakee, Streator, Chicago, and ultimately Elkhart, IN for the last 15 years of his life. In Streator, between 1931 and 1940 Fred did some sort of work for the city involving street maintenance. At the date of death he was a railroad engineer. He died of carcinoma of the larynx at the Veterans' hospital, Fort Wayne, IN.

David W. Tucker

David Wellwood Tucker was born 1900-09-20 Streator. At 18, David witnessed the gruesome death of a fellow employee of the New York Central railroad.

> SDFP 1918-03-26 p. 8: John Harbach, an employe of the New York Central railroad was fatally injured last evening when he fell beneath a switch engine he

was assisting a crew to operate, and his death ensued at St. Mary's hospital a short time later. ...

Deputy Coroner Myers held an inquest this morning to inquire into the death of the unfortunate man and J. B. Carpenter, 707 East Kent street, who is engine foreman at the round house made the following statement concerning the accident: "John Harback was jarred off of the tank of engine 5042. I noticed that I could not see his light, and said to D. W. Tucker, a helper, that I could not see him. I asked Tucker to find out what happened, and he found him under the wheels. His leg was cut off, and his right arm was cut. He rolled from under the center of the tank himself.

Like his brothers John and Fred, David was in the armed forces, but the only information I've been able to find about his service is a line in the 1919-07-03 issue of the *Daily Free Press* listing him as "Hdq. Co., 1st Btry. F.A.R.D.", which evidently means Headquarters Company of the 1st Battery within a Field Artillery Replacement Depot.

David returned to Streator and the New York Central railroad, where he was employed as a fireman and later as engineer.

1924-04-03 David had his teeth extracted, according to the *Daily Free Press*. 1927-10-10 he underwent an operation for appendicitis. In June 1934 he was stricken by diptheria.

1928-07-26 David and Dorothy Davidson (b. 1903-12-25 Streator; d. 1993-10-06 Goshen, IN) were married.

1932-06-20 David applied for employment with the Streator police department and in February 1934 he joined the force as a night patrolman. 1936-10-10 he was at the scene of another death by train.

SDTP 1936-10-12 p. 1: Charles Kirk, 39, who lived with his mother, Mrs. Charlotte Kirk, 703 East Lundy street, was instantly killed about 10:20 o'clock Saturday night when he either fell from, or was struck by a Santa Fe freight train in the local yards, near the Wilson street crossing.

His body was horribly mutilated, and could only be identified after the finding of various personal possessions which bore his name. There were no eye-witnesses to the accident, although the body was still warm when discovered about 10:20 o'clock by Norman Baxendale, 711 East Livingston street, indicating that he had either fallen from or was struck by a freight train which arrived in the downtown yards at 10:23 o'clock.

Baxendale told members of the coroner's jury that he, in company with Arthur Averweg, was walking along the tracks, en route home about 10:20 o'clock when he saw the body lying between the rails of the east track. He

returned at once to the downtown district where he advised Officer David Tucker, who with Officer John Mottershaw, proceeded to the scene in the city ambulance.

Because of the condition of the body, identification of the victim was made possible only through personal possessions which were found scattered along the right-of-way.

SDTP 1940-05-20 p. 2: Because he is alleged to have left the city without notifying his superior officers, David Tucker, night police patrolman, has been removed from the department on orders of the police and fire commission. No successor has been appointed as yet. Tucker joined the several years ago, and was attached to the night force until last Tuesday, when he failed to report for duty. He has since remained away from his duties, resulting in the action of the police board Saturday.

Evidently David had decided to return to his job as a fireman on the New York Central railroad and moved to Chicago, where his wife and children joined him in July 1941. By 1946-07-09 they were residing in Elkhart, IN, along with Fred and his family. David and Dorothy had three children: David Robert (1929–1951), William Ross (1936–2000), and Jane Elizabeth (1945–2009). He died from cardiac arrest resulting from coronary artery disease 1982-07-30 in Fountainview Place nursing home, Elkhart, IN.

Minnie Tucker

Minnie Tucker was born 1907-08-04 in Streator. In 1925 she was employed as a saleslady at D.C. Murray & Co., "dry goods, ladies ready to wear, china, carpets, and house furnishings," 401–403 E. Main St. When the store, which had been in business since 1888, closed its doors for the last time on Christmas Eve, 1927, Minnie went to work as a machine operator at the Paris Garter Co. A book published in 1912 by Streator's boosters had this to say about the Paris garter factory:

The one institution in Streator devoted to the work of women is the factory of the Hoban Manufacturing Company. In many ways it represents the spirit of the new age. It illustrates the world-wide movement of the passing of women from domestic service into the factory, and brings home to Streator the "girl question" in a real and practical form. For most of the girls of Streator would rather work in Mr. Hoban's factory than in any kitchen in the town. He now employs 125 women, most of them bright, intelligent, cheerful and healthy young girls; and

he says he could get a hundred more by raising his finger if he had the room for them. Seldom does any one leave his employment except to get married.

There is a reason: he gives them a large, airy, well-heated and well ventilated factory to work in. The hours of labor are nine per day, and the employes are paid better than in most any other kind of factory labor for women. The average earnings are about $6.50 a week.

The factory was recently inspected by the state inspector, who reported it one of the best factories he had seen in the state. The girls take a half hour for lunch at noon, and hot coffee is supplied them by the company at ten cents a week.

What do they make? Mr. Hoban manufactures an adjunct of male apparel known as the "Paris Garter," which is the most finished and popular device of its kind on the market. The factory has a capacity of 10,000 pairs of garters per day, and the entire output is taken by one Chicago house—the house of A. Stein & Co., which owns the patent on the garter device. The plant equipment consists of one hundred Singer sewing machines and a number of specially designed presses to stamp and assemble the parts. All are operated by electricity.

The building is of brick, one-story high, 130×30 feet, amply provided with windows from which come an abundant supply of light and air, cooled by electric fans in summer and warmed by steam heat in winter. Detached and practically fire-proof, it is free from the dangers that menace the factories employing woman labor in the cities.

Asked why he preferred to operate in Streator rather than in Chicago, Mr. Hoban replied: "We have a better class of employes, and they are steadier. There is not the temptation to wander from factory to factory, hence not so much is lost in breaking in new girls.

John Elias Williams, ed., *The Story of Streator* (The Independent-Times, Streator, IL, 1912).

Around 1930 she married Edward J. Wolfe (b. 1907-06-08; d. 1970-11-20) of Ottawa. The 1937 Ottawa city directory listed Edward Wolfe, Jr., as a bridge carpenter employed by Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad but other years list him simply as a laborer. To them were born two children: Edward Joseph (b. 1931-06-20); and Margaret Ann "Peg" (b. 1933-11-14 Ottawa; d. 2013-06-23 Ottawa).

SDTP 1937-02-16 p. 7: Mrs. Edward Wolfe, Jr., of Ottawa, the former Miss Minnie Tucker of this city, has entered St. Mary's hospital here. Mrs. Wolfe will be a patient at the local hospital indefinitely and would be very pleased to have her many friends here visit her. During her illness her two children, Edward and Margaret Ann, are being cared for at the home of their grandmother, Mrs. Anna Tucker, 601 Powell street.

SDTP 1937-10-28 p. 5: Mrs. Edward Wolfe of Ottawa, former resident of Streator and young mother of two small children, died this morning at 7:30 o'clock at the home of her mother, Mrs. Ann Tucker, 601 Powell street. Mrs. Wolfe was stricken ill about a year ago and when her condition became worse early in February, she came to this city to the home of her mother where she had been tenderly cared for ever since.

Born in Streator August 4, 1907, Minnie Tucker grew to young womanhood here and after completing her education worked in the D.C. Murray store until it closed. Following her marriage to Edward Wolfe, she moved to Ottawa and had resided there until she came to Streator several months ago. The family home is at 335 De Soto street. She was a devout member of St. Columba's church in Ottawa and enjoyed many friends in that city who regret her untimely passing.

Surviving in addition to mother, husband, and two children, Edward Joseph, 6, and Margaret Ann, 4, are the following brothers and sisters: Fred and David Tucker, Margaret and Jeannette Tucker, Mrs. George Wright of Streator, and John Tucker of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday morning at 8:30 o'clock from the Tucker home in Powell street and at 9 o'clock from the Immaculate Conception church. Burial will be made in St. Mary's cemetery.

III. HEINZ

Frederick Heinz and Betsy Conderman

The first Condermans arrived in colonial New York in 1710 as part of the "Palatine migration" from the Palatinate region of Germany. "The name 'Palatinate' comes from the title of an official, a 'Palatine,' sent by the Roman Caesars to govern the south- western section of Germany after the conquest of Gaul in the first century. The name, Palatinate, has had no significance in modern German history except that the people in that area became known as 'Palatinates'." *The Palatines of New York State: A complete compilation of the history of the Palatines who first came to New York State in 1708-1722.* For more information see *Becoming German: The 1709 Palatine Migration to New York* by Philip Otterness. Otterness maintains that "although the 1709 immigrants were referred to as "Palatines," the majority of the "Palatine" immigrants of 1709 did not come from the Palatinate at all but from dozens of other principalities in the Holy Roman Empire. … Most of the German-speaking immigrants were not Palatines [and] few were fleeing French invasions."

Solomon Conderman was born 1801 in Hartwick, Otsego county, NY. He married and produced a large number of offspring, including Elizabeth "Betsy", born 1843-06-03 in Howard, Steuben county, New York. Some records list her birthplace as Pennsylvania, but her brother Daniel was born in Howard in 1839 and the family was still in Howard at the time of the 1850 census, so Betsy was likely born in Howard as well. *Countryman Genealogy* explicitly states: "These children of Solomon Sr. were all born in Howard, Steuben county, NY."

Solomon's brother, Jacob J., who had been born 1805 in Minden, Montgomery county, NY, migrated with his family to Lee county, Illinois sometime before 1850-09-09. Solomon followed his brother to Lee county with his own family sometime between 1855-06-09 and 1860-07-03. The 1860 census recorded both brothers in Marion, IL. Betsy, 16, was working on the farm of John Wood in Sublette, IL, beside future husband "Fredric Hinds" i.e. Frederick Heinz. Her sister Katherine, 29, was working on on the farm of Elijah Hill in Amboy.

Frederick or Friedrich Heinz was (probably) a recent immigrant from Prussia. He was born 1838-01-09 in the village of Binsfeld, *Kreis* Wittlich, province Rheinland, Prussia. The area around Wittlich, including Binsfeld, lay in the Archdiocese of Trier, one of the oldest and most strongly Catholic regions in Germany. The ship's manifest of the *SS David Hoadley* arriving from Antwerp, Belgium at New York 1857-04-21 recorded the arrival of a Friedrich Heinz, 19, from Binsfeld, but we can't be sure of this immigrant's identity. His next likely appearance was 1863-07-01 in Sublette when "Frederick Haiens" was enumerated for a list of persons subject to military duty. Frederick is marked as married, so he and Betsy must have tied the knot sometime before 1863-07-01. The first of four sons—William Solomon—arrived in February 1864 and seems disappeared from the historical record after 1900. Frederick Jacob followed in 1865, then George Loscoe in 1867, and finally Charles J. in 1876. This latter died in Dixon in 1913 of tetanus after stepping on a nail.

Sometime between 1880–1891 things appear to have gone bad for the family and they left Sublette. William, George, and Charles went to La Salle. Fred Jr. went to Kansas. Betsy lived with all of her sons in turn except Fred. Betsy appears residing with son William S. in La Salle at various address in 1891, 1898, and 1900, so we can tentatively assume she resided there from 1891–1900. From 1911 until his death in 1913-07-19 she resided

with son Charles J. in Dixon. From 1915 until her own death in 1917-06-05 she resided with son George L. in Pekin.

The 1900 census presents some very puzzling data concerning Frederick and Betsy. Betsy and son William were recorded in La Salle at 265 Hennepin. Frederick and son George were *probably* recorded in Kingston Mines, Peoria county, working as coal miners. However, many inconsistencies plague this data.

First of all, George's date of birth is wrong (which is hardly unusual). Furthermore, the census claims George had been married for 6 years when the real number was closer to 12. Where were his wife and son? For that matter, why was Betsy in La Salle rather than in Kingston Mines with her husband Frederick? Kingston Mines was a small mining town, so perhaps it was no place for women; however, according to her obituary she had lived in Glasford at some point, two miles from Kingston Mines. But Frederick is marked as a widower.

Likewise, on Betsy's record, under "Whether single, married, widowed, or divorced," 'W' appears to have been written over 'M' (or vice versa) as if Betsy had responded, "I'm married—no, widowed" (or vice versa). Under "Number of years married" is written "37." If Betsy was a widow, and Betsy and Frederick had married in 1863, then Frederick must have died in 1900. However, the 1891–1892 La Salle city directory had already listed her as a widow. So either the city directory had been wrong, Betsy lied about being a widow, or she was counting the number of years she would have been married if Frederick hadn't died.

When Betsy died in 1917, her body was transported to the Kingston Mines cemetery for burial. The obvious reason why is to lie beside her husband—but Frederick's grave does not appear on findagrave.com.

While this mystery might never be resolved, thanks to a user of Ancestry.com, we can at least be reasonably sure that Frederick died sometime between 1900-06-06 and 1905, probably at Kingston Mines. According to Robert Ewing, "My grandmother [Melissa Neva Heinz (1900–1985)] remembered that her grandfather (Friedrich) was already dead when she first understood what grandparents were (and she knew her mother's parents there in Kansas). That would have been about 1905."

James Craig and Johanna Cushion

James Craig was born in Ireland. Possible birthdates range from 1825 to 1836. His ages as recorded in the censuses vary so widely that I had to wonder if I was looking at two different families with the same names. In 1900 he explicitly said his birthdate was February 1828, so I'll consider that the most reliable date. Around 1849 he married Johanna Cushion, also Irish. Her birthdate is no more certain, ranging from 1832 to 1838. In 1900 she explicitly said her birthdate was March 1838. Census records show the family residing in La Salle from 1860 to 1900. James' occupation was described variously as drayman, teamster, and laborer, but in 1870 and 1873 he was elected as a constable (policeman) of La Salle. James and Johanna produced 12 children, all but two of which were dead by 1900. Only six are accounted for on censuses, so six more must have died before reaching the age of ten. Three adult daughters listed in the 1894 city directory must have died before 1900. The only children remaining by 1900 were James P. Jr., born in 1870 or 1871, and Mary Ann, born around 1862. Johanna died sometime between 1900 and 1910. In 1910 James was living in Pekin with Mary Ann, but I've been unable to find any trace of him after that date.

George L. Heinz and Mary Ann Craig

1888-09-17 La Salle: George L. Heinz married Mary Ann Craig. He was 21, she 26. (The census recorded Mary Ann's age as 8 in 1870 and 18 in 1880, which would make her birthdate 1861 or 1862. When she remarried in 1913, she stated her age as 44, which would make her birthdate 1868 or 1869. Illinois Deaths and Stillbirths, 1916–47 records her birth date as 1865-09-09. In this case I'm inclined to believe the census figures, since at that point she was still too young to have begun lying about her age.

In 1891 Betsy Heinz (now a widow, according to the city directory) and son William S. were residing at 213 Hennepin in La Salle. James Craig and children Bridget, Hannah, and James Jr. were residing at 914 Third in La Salle. These two addresses are a block apart. I've found no information concerning the whereabouts of George L. or Mary Ann during the years between 1880 and 1910, but the conclusion is plausible that at some point Frederick died and Betsy moved from Sublette 25 miles south to La Salle where George L. met the girl next door, Mary Ann Craig.

1895-10-25 La Salle George J. Heinz was born.

By 1900 Betsy Heinz and son William S. had moved a few doors down to 265 Hennepin, and James and Johanna Craig and son James P. had moved a few doors down to 956 Third, but the two addresses were still a block apart. James Craig's occupation was described as teamster or laborer.

The 1910 census found George L. and Mary Ann Heinz and son George J. along with her father James Craig residing in Pekin at 900 N. Fifth. Her age is recorded as 44 (it was 48 or 49), his as 42. George L. was working as a coal miner, George J. as a newsboy.

The 1911 Pekin city directory records George L. Heinz, a miner, and his wife Mary Ann residing at 900 N Fifth.

The Bloomington *Pantagraph* 1911-01-05: Pekin—"George L. Heinz is suing for divorce from his wife, Mary A. Heinz, charging that she is addicted to the excessive use of intoxicants. He also asks the court to grant him custody of their child." The fact that George sued for divorce on this particular ground suggests he probably had good reason. "It is rather surprising that the charge of habitual drunkenness or habitual drunkenness combined with other charges is so seldom made. In the year 1915 only a little over 3.5 percent of the divorces granted were on account of drunkenness." *Marriage and Divorce Analysis of Cook County Statistics for Years 1914 and 1915* (Bureau of Social Service, Chicago 1916).

Other than these few facts, I have been unable to discover any information about where the couple were or what they were doing during the years they were married. However, I did find more about Mary Ann's life post-divorce.

Mary Ann Heinz-Fanning

The [Bloomington] Pantagraph 1913-02-26, p. 3: "Fred Fanning and Mrs. Mary Anna Craig, both of this city, were married this morning in Peoria." Fred was 54, Mary Ann 51 (but she told him she was 44).

Fanning had a colorful history. He was born 1859-04-14 in Michigan to Fred and Sarah E. (Greenly) Fanning.

1903-05-05 Peoria: Fred, now residing in Pekin, married Sarah Markwick, 34, of Peoria. He said his occupation was engineer and this was his second marriage.

1905-10-25 Monmouth: Fred married Martha E. (Snyder) Schwab (b. 1853-05-17 Tennessee; d. 1922-03-18 Moline). Both were residents of

Monmouth.

> *Warren County Democrat* 1906-09-13 p. 5: "Jacob Roemer vs. Martha E. Fanning, bill to set aside deed."

A bill to set aside deed was a legal action, typically a lawsuit, filed in court to challenge the validity of a deed and have it declared void or invalid. This is usually done when the person challenging the deed believes the deed was obtained through fraud, undue influence, or other illegal means. Apparently this lawsuit persisted until 1912 when it was finally dismissed. The basis of Mr. Roemer's complaint was clarified in a later newspaper article:

> *Warren County Democrat* 1909-09-16 p.1: "A unique complaint came to board from Jacob Roemer, an inmate of the county house. He complained that he had agreed to sign a tract giving Mrs. [Martha E.] Fanning use of his property on North First street if she would provide for him during his life. He represented that by fraud she had him sign a deed instead of a contract and he prayed for relief. The matter was referred to the alms house committee."

What if any role Fred played in this affair is unknown, but in 1907 he was in Topeka, Kansas, representing himself to an elderly widow as a nephew of her late husband. "Before he had been here long he had made arrangements to live with the woman and take care of her until her death with the understanding that her property was to go to him when she died" (Topeka Daily Capital 1909-11-07 p.15). This arrangement would lead ultimately, in the words of the Topeka Daily Capital, to a case "unparalleled in the criminal annals of Shawnee county."

Here are the basic facts of the story. The widow, Mary Short, died suddenly 25 October 1909. The cause of death was determined to be heart failure and she was interred. Her sister, Fannie Mather, arrived from Seattle convinced that Short had been murdered. Although Mary had lived in a "basement hovel" and depended on charity, Mather believed large sums of money were missing from the estate. She also denied Mr. Short had ever had a nephew. Fanning was arrested and after being "sweated" in the county jail for several hours, confessed to having murdered Short by putting a rodenticide containing arsenic in her coffee. He also implicated an acquaintance named Minnie McCauley. McCauley was never a credible

suspect, however, and when Short was exhumed and an analysis performed on the contents of the stomach and other organs, no trace of arsenic was found. A coroner's jury exonerated Fanning of the murder charges. Unfortunately, his erratic behavior caused him to be adjudged insane and committed to the state hospital for the insane.

Topeka Daily Capital 1909-11-11 p. 10: The officers believe that Fanning, who has told half a dozen conflicting stories regarding the money he took from Mrs. Short and for the securing of which he says he committed murder, is almost an imbecile and that he belongs to about the lowest type of humanity. He is hopelessly ignorant and does not seem to realize in the least the enormity of the crime with which he is charged.

Topeka Daily Capital 1909-12-03 p. 9: His testimony in his own behalf was one of endless contradiction, showing at last, and which was testified to by other witnesses, that he had been dominated over by Mrs. Fannie M. Mather, sister of Mrs. Short, who came here from Seattle, Wash., to clear up the mystery, and also that he would answer any question in the affirmative if pressed to do so.

Topeka Daily Capital 1909-12-03 p. 9: Referring to Mrs. Mather he declared the woman made him lay what blame he did on Mrs. Minnie McCauley; that she visited him in jail and sang to him; that she put her arms around his neck and declared that she and all the world would forgive him if he confessed to the crime.

"Mrs. Mather told me to lay it all on her," Fanning declared, speaking of Mrs. McCauley. "She told me if I would she would give me money to go home."

That the man is possessed of a very low order of intelligence the commission agreed. That he is a menace to the safety of society the members of the commission also agreed. That he ought to be placed where he could not do anyone any harm was freely expressed.

"Such a man is a menace," declared Dr. Ryder. "He might be persuaded to commit murder and if one talked to him in the right light I believe he would attempt such a thing in a moment. He isn't safe, crazy or not crazy."

Topeka Daily Capital 1909-12-28 p. 10: The mental depravity, or better, the absence of any mentality, in Fred Fanning, confessed murderer of Mrs. Mary J. Short, and who subsequently was adjudged insane and sent to the state hospital, is now being put to a novel use. He is being used in the study of alienation by medical students of the Kansas Medical college as a subject with so little mind that it can be warped or twisted at the will of almost anyone.

Fanning is proving a willing subject for various mental tests and he responds by doing anything and everything he is pressed to do. Questioned, he asserts the

first thing that comes to his mind, presumably, and can be drawn to contradict himself in a moment after he has made a positive assertion. Since being taken to the asylum he has told over and over again the story of Mrs. Short's death, now saying that he committed the crime without knowing why he did it, again admitting the crime and giving all the details of why it was done, saying that he wanted the woman's money and telling ridiculous stories about her wealth, and still again vehemently denying the commission of the crime.

Questioned along a certain line, medical students say, he can be led to make any sort of statement, to admit anything or to fashion the most unbelievable story. The next moment, if questioned from a different angle, he will be denying his former assertions and will be telling another story, perhaps as unbelievable as the first but in direct contradiction to what he already said.

"He comes nearer not having any mind than anyone I ever saw," said a medical student. "As near as I can tell his mind is so weak or there is so little gray matter in his skull that he will tell anything, admit anything, confess to anything. He is a wonder, in his way, a sort of missing link between man and a monkey, only I am inclined to believe that in some ways he has less intelligence than the average monkey. The small amount of reasoning power he possesses almost is unbelievable."

Thus the man is proving a valuable subject for study and the medical students are availing themselves of live enlightenment regarding the absence of mental power in a human being.

In the course of the investigation some information about his previous marriages came to light that might shed light upon his character.

Topeka Daily Capital 1909-11-13 p. 10: Fanning was married by the probate judge at Pekin, Ill., according to the certificate he has, May 5, 1903, to Sarah Markwick. According to the man's statement, his wife died about a year after they were married. Shortly afterward their little baby died, and within a year a 14-year-old brother of Mrs. Fanning, whom she had asked her husband to care for, also died. The boy, Fanning says, lived with his wife and himself during their married life, and with him after his wife and baby died. ... The officers wonder if there was not something suspicious in the deaths, occurring quite close together, and have communicated with the Pekin authorities to learn more of the man's conduct while there.

Topeka Daily Capital 1909-11-14 p. 20: Sheriff Jonathan D. Norton received a letter from Greely Markwick, 1214 Highland Avenue, Pekin, Ill., yesterday asserting that he is a former brother-in-law of a Fred Fanning, who once lived there, and that the local officers feel confident it is the same Fanning who is charged here with the murder of Mrs. Mary J. Short. Mr. Markwick asserted that Fanning lived

at Pekin about six years ago, which corroborates Fanning's own statement made Friday, and that his wife and baby died there. Going farther, Mr. Markwick wrote that Fanning married again (whom he did not say) but that the present Mrs. Fanning—who is living—resides at [222] North D street, Monmouth, Ill. ... Fanning, however, denies the existence of a living wife and declares he has been married but once, and that his wife is dead.

Topeka State Journal 1909-12-02 p. 6: Of special importance in the case is a letter, finally introduced in evidence, of 23 pages from Mrs. M. E. [Tilbury] [William S. and Mary E. Tilbury, 222 North D st] of Monmouth, Ill., to County Attorney Schenck. The lady claims to be a daughter of a former wife of Fanning whom the confessed murderer left three or four years ago bedridden and poverty stricken in the Illinois town. Mrs. [Tilbury] requests that the contents of the letter be not made public but many features came out during the questioning by Mr. Schenck.

Among the more important allegations are that Fanning beat that wife frequently, cursed her, and would allow her nothing to eat but cold soup, that he always carried a heavy club or hatchet fearing that she or someone was going to do him injury and that he seldom slept at night without a heavy iron nail puller lying beside his bed and that this stepdaughter often found it there before he arose in the morning. The woman further claims that when Fanning came into that family he said his first wife who died with her firstborn infant, had often tried to poison him with "Rough on Rats" and that later he began to talk frequently of poisoning someone himself.

Topeka Daily Capital 1910-03-31 p. 7: Fred Fanning ... was yesterday paroled from the hospital by Superintendent T. C. Biddle. ... He was sent to his home in Illinois yesterday as Superintendent Biddle considered that he was more of an imbecile and a dullard than an insane person. "Fanning has worked ever since he has been at the hospital and seemed to be improved," said Dr. Biddle. "I consider him more of an imbecile than an insane person and believe he will be better off with his people than to be kept here supported by the state."

Fanning arrived back in Pekin just in time to be enumerated in the 1910 census. Oddly, he was boarding with the family of Greely Markwick, his former brother-in-law, at 1214 Highland Ave. He said his occupation was "laborer" and his industry "street work," though he had been out of work for some time.

Now the wife whose existence Fanning had denied sued him for divorce. "Martha E. Fanning, through her attorneys, McLaughlin and Robinson, today filed a bill for divorce against Fred Fanning. The suit will

be heard at the September term of court. Desertion is the cause of the action" (*Warren County Democrat* 1911-08-10 p. 1).

"Warren County Court in Session This Week ... Martha E. Fanning vs. Fred Fanning, divorce; defendant called and defaulted" (*Warren County Democrat* 1911-09-21 p. 1).

At last, on 25 February 1913, in Peoria, Fred Fanning and Mary Ann Heinz (née Craig) were married. Fanning said his occupation was laborer and this was his second marriage. Mary Ann too said it was her second marriage.

> The Bloomington *Pantagraph* 1914-10-05, p. 3: Fred Fanning and wife were arrested Saturday night. It is alleged they were in the act of carrying a quantity of provisions from the Hackler bakery. They had been engaged for several weeks in cleaning up the basement on Saturday nights. The proprietors of the bakery had noticed that some provisions had disappeared, so they engaged Deputies Wilson and Tollinger to watch the place Saturday night. Fanning and his wife, it is said, had carried out some flour, a half sack of sugar, canned blackberries, lard and sugar, and a quantity of buns and bread, which they had hidden in a barrel. Just as they were preparing to put this in sacks the officers stept from their hiding place and took them into custody and sent them to jail.

> The Bloomington *Pantagraph* 1914-10-05, p. 3: Pekin, Oct. 5.—(Special.)—Fred Fanning, his wife, Mary Fanning, were arraigned before Justice Hatcher today on the charge of larceny. They admitted having taken lard, sugar, canned goods and other provisions from the Hackler bakery, where they had been doing janitor work. The court fixed their bonds at $500 each, binding them over to await a further investigation by the December grand jury. As they were unable to secure bondsmen, they were committed to jail.

> The Bloomington *Weekly Pantagraph* 1914-12-25, p. 10: Fred Fanning and wife, charged with carrying away provisions from the Hackler confectionery, being detected in the act by Deputy Sheriff Wilson, pleaded guilty in the county court and were each fined $10 and costs. They have been in the county jail since November 11.

Fred and Mary Ann continued to reside in Pekin until her death 1917-03-16. She was about 55 years old. IDS lists her resting place as "Kingston Cemetery;" since Kingston Mines is only seven miles from Pekin and no other Kingston Cemetery exists in Tazewell county, this is most likely the same cemetery where Betsy Heinz was interred.

Three months later, 1917-06-30 (or 1917-07-02), Fanning remarried, to Rose Anna Stone Edwards, another resident of Pekin. Fred Fanning died 1918-10-22 in Tremont, 59 years old.

George L. Heinz, post-divorce

From 1912 to 1916 George L. and George J. resided together at 212 Isabel in Pekin. In 1913 Betsy moved from Glasford, IL, to join them and remained until her death 1917-06-05.

> Bloomington *Pantagraph* 1917-06-07 p. 2: Pekin June 6, (Special)—Mrs. Betsy Heinz died last night at her home 212 Isabel street, following an illness extending over three years. She was born in New York state June 3, 1843. She moved from Glasford, Ill., to Pekin about four years ago. Her husband preceded her in death a number of years ago. Surviving her are two sons, George, of Pekin, and Fred, of Kansas; also three brothers and three sisters. The funeral services will be held at the Masen chapel Friday afternoon at one o'clock, after which the remains will be taken to Kingston Mines, Ill., for interment.

During this time, George J. worked for Charles F. Gehrig, cigar manufacturer and city commissioner. George L. was also briefly a cigar maker (presumably also at C. F. Gehrig), then a butcher at Sarrf & Co., "Proprietors Peoples Meat Market and Dealers in Fresh and Salt Meats, Country Produce, Groceries and Bread, 236 Court," and then a laborer for three years. 1912-11-27 Ward Robinson, secretary of the state civil service commission, announced the names of successful candidates for the eligible lists in recent examinations. The list included the following: "Butcher—George L. Heinz, Pekin."

1918-04-08 George J. Heinz married Edna Gladys Carter.

1918-06-05 George L. was residing at 216 Court, and George J. and Edna were residing at 216½ Court.

1918-09-03 George L. enlisted in the Marine Corps. He was 51 years old, too old to be conscripted, so he must have joined voluntarily. He was given the rank of Private and assigned to the Quartermaster Corps, First Coffee Blenders Detachment. On 13 November 1918, two days after the war ended, he sailed for Europe on the Empress of Britain from New York, NY. His return ship sailed from Brest 3 August 1919 and arrived at Hoboken seven days later. The passenger list of the USS Imperator records him as

"PVT. MC. SALES COMMISSARY UNIT #1," so evidently he spent his time selling coffee to doughboys. He was discharged 1919-08-21 and returned to Pekin. He appeared in the 1926 city directory at 427 S. River Front. From 1928 to 1939 his address was simply S. River Front, and in 1940 it changed to River Rd. In 1928 he was a fisherman, 1930 a laborer, and 1932 a meat cutter. He died 1945-01-13.

> SDTP 1945-01-16 p. 2: George L. Heinz, 77, a veteran of World War I, and father of George J. Heinz of 908 N. Park street, died in the Veterans' hospital [AKA Illinois Soldiers' and Sailors' Home] in Quincy, Saturday, following a year's illness. Funeral services were held from the Keucks funeral home in Pekin Monday afternoon with burial following in Lake View cemetery there. Mr. and Mrs. Heinz attended the services. The marriage of the deceased and Mary Ann Craig occurred in La Salle in 1894 and they resided in Pekin the greater part of their married life. Mrs. Heinz died 28 years ago. The son and a brother, Fred Heinz of Salina, Kansas are left. There is one grandson. The deceased spent 18 months overseas during World War 1. He was a butcher by occupation and a member of the Pekin American Legion.

George J. Heinz and Edna G. Carter

Edna Gladys Carter was born 1895-05-10 in Chillicothe to Harry Austin and Carrie Myrtle (neé Forney) Carter. Harry Carter was a railroad engineer for the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Rail Road. Between 1906-12-03 and 1915-02-20 the Carters lived in Streator.

The 1916 Pekin city directory listed them residing at 911 State. Presumably this is when and where Edna met George. However, George was in Champaign by the following year. Urbana Daily Courier 1917-02-06 p. 5: "George J. Heinz of Pekin was hired as a locomotive fireman, Monday. He is inexperienced and was put on the Champaign yard engine to learn the ropes." Since both George J. Heinz and Harry Carter were now railwaymen, it's possible either that George met Edna through Harry, or that George met Edna, then her father got him a railway job. However, when George registered for the draft 1918-06-05 he listed as his employer not the AT&SF but the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St Louis, so perhaps George was already a railwayman when he met the Carter family.

Regardless, Edna and George J. were married in Pekin 1918-04-08. 1918-11-13 George J. and Edna were residing at Sixth and State, either with her

parents or just down the street. By 1919-08-27 they were all back in Streator, residing at 1107 E. Kent, where the Carters would remain for many years.

> SDFP 1919-08-27 p. 1: The family pet, a little white poodle dog, which was considered harmless, has caused the Harry Carter family of 1107 East Kent street great anxiety. As a result of a sudden fit which the animal suffered, two members of the family are threatened with an attack of the rabies.
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> Mrs. Harry Carter and son-in-law, George Hines, are now in the Pasteur Institute, where they are being given the Pasteur treatment in order to ward off an attack of the terrible disease, known to the world as hydrophobia or canine madness caused by the bite of an infected dog.
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> Mr. Carter is an engineer employed by the Santa Fe railroad and with his family resides at 1107 E. Kent street. A small white poodle dog was owned by the family, and although it was somewhat cross when strangers were around it was not considered dangerous. About a week ago the dog seemed to suffer a tantrum and before it could be relieved it had bitten Mr. Hines, a son-in-law of Mr. Carter, and Mrs. Carter. A veterinary surgeon was called and he at once had the dog killed, and the brain of the animal was sent to a Pasteur laboratory in Chicago, where an examination for rabies was made. According to the report made from the institution, the dog's brain contained evident traces of rabies. As a safeguard Mrs. Carter and her son-in-law went at once to Chicago and are taking the Pasteur treatment for the bites of the dog.
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> A message was received from the Institute this morning by the family, and the double treatment is being administered. Mr. Hines and Mrs. Carter are in good health and will return to Streator as soon as the necessary treatment has been completed.

Oddly enough, this was not Mrs. Carter's first rabies scare. In 1911 she had made another visit to the Pasteur Institute after being bitten by a pet bull pup. Where were they getting these rabid dogs?

George and Edna's first child, Roy, was born 1920-03-28. They purchased some property: "DEEDS: Ermin F. Plumb to George J. and Edna G. Heinz, lot 9, blk 3, Central Park add., Streator, $400" (SDFP 1921-03-25) and their second child, Evelyn Alice was born 1923-12-17.

The 1925 Decatur city directory listed them residing at 540 W. Sawyer. George was now employed by Illinois Power. (An article in the Decatur *Herald* for 1926-03-13 [p. 3] states that he was a lineman for the Illinois Traction System (ITS was a subsidiary of Illinois Power and Light Company.) This situation remained stable until at least 1927-11-28, by

which time they were back in Streator in her parents' house at 1107 E. Kent. They remained there until George "deserted" his family 1933-03-13. SDTP 1933-03-15 p. 9: "NOTICE—I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by anyone but myself. George J. Heinz." They did not divorce legally for another five years.

> SDTP 1938-06-24 p. 4: "Mrs. Edna Heinz of Streator was today granted a divorce from George J. Heinz, by Judge Robert Larkin in the circuit court on a charge of desertion. The couple was married April 9, 1918, and lived together until March 13, 1933. They are the parents of two children."

Edna and Roy are interesting figures. She appears to have been a talented (or at least energetic) pianist, directing the church orchestra of the Central Church of Christ. Her 10-year-old son Roy joined the orchestra in 1930 on saxophone and together with her adopted brother Merlin Carter on violin they frequently performed as a trio.

At the Plumb Theatre on 28 and 29 June 1932, you could have enjoyed a screening of "Thunder Below" starring Tallulah Bankhead, a performance by the Girl's Concert Orchestra under the personal direction of Edna Heinz, a saxophone solo by Roy Heinz, and a violin trio—all for as little as 10 cents.

> Roy Heinz, gifted young saxaphonist, will play from Station WMBD in Peoria, Sunday morning at 10:15 o'clock. He will have his mother, Mrs. Edna Heinz, as his accompanist. The Peoria station is hooked up with the Columbia net-work, and it is possible that the young man may be heard in that manner. (SDTP 1933-06-08 p. 9).

At a wide-ranging program of entertainment for the Kernan Community Boosters, "Roy Heinz, a 13-year-old 'whiz' on the saxophone, produced more musical harmony on his instrument than the audience thought existed in the combinations of metal keys. He played 'Estilian Caprice' [a work composed by Gene Paul for tenor sax and which seems to exist solely as a student exercise] and 'El Capitan' [John Philip Sousa], difficult numbers from memory and responded after a wave of applause with 'Hold Me.' His mother played the rapid and intricate accompaniment" (SDTP 1933-10-05 p. 6).

The 1935 city directory listed George as a "plumber helper" residing at

307 E. Hickory. The 1939 city directory listed him as a laborer in the employ of George Sorton, plumber, residing at 407 E. Hickory. (One of the two addresses might have been a typographical error.) George might have been Sorton's "helper" before 1934, since he served as a pallbearer at the funeral of Sorton's sister 1934-05-05. He was also a pallbearer at Sorton's own funeral in 1939.

George was active in social and labor organizations. 1935-01-09 he was installed as the Vice Grand of Edina Lodge No. 391 Independent Order of Odd Fellows (I. O. O. F.) 1935-07-03 he was installed as the Noble Grand of Edina Lodge No. 391 I. O. O. F. 1937-04-14 he was President of the International Hod Carriers Building and Common Laborers Union of America Local No. 82. 1940-07-19 he was elected sergeant-at-arms of Building Trades Council of Streator. 1941-07-17 he was elected Corresponding Secretary of Hod Carriers' Local No. 82.

George J. Heinz and Margaret Tucker

SDTP 1939-02-27 p. 10: Miss Margaret Tucker and Mr. George Heinz surprised their friends with the announcement of their marriage which occurred at Lacon Tuesday, February 21. Since then they have been receiving congratulations and best wishes in their apartment at 112 North Vermillion street.

Attending them at their marriage were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tucker of this city, the former a brother of the bride. They returned to Streator immediately after the ceremony and have been residing at the above address.

Mrs. Heinz is the daughter of Mrs. Anna Tucker of 601 Powell street, and after attending the local schools and Brown's Business College, took a course in beauty culture at the American Beauty school there. Since then she has maintained the Marguerite Beauty shop at 112 North Vermillion street.

Mr. Heinz, a resident of this city for many years, is the son of George Heinz of Pekin. He has been living at 407 East Hickory street and was employed as a plumber at the shop of the late George Sorton [d. 1939-01-29].

SDTP 1939-07-25 p. 4: Mr. and Mrs. George Heinz of N. Vermillion street, motored to Pekin Sunday to visit George Heinz, Sr. At noon they were joined at the Pekin park by Mrs. Ida Palmer of Dixon, Mrs. Bert Richmond and family of Hanna City, Mr. and Mrs. Harper Richmond, also of Hanna City, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Louderback of Pekin, also two nephews of Mrs. Bert Richmond. A picnic dinner was served, after which swimming and boating was enjoyed. Late in the afternoon all motored to the home of Mrs. Bert Richmond, where supper

was served. The gathering was in honor of George Heinz, Sr., Mrs, Ida Palmer, Mrs. Bert Richmond and Harvey Richmond, who are celebrating their birthdays this month.

The 1940 census recorded George as an unemployed laborer in the plumbing trade. Margaret's brother David had been a police officer since 1934-01-31, and perhaps now he pulled some strings to get George hired. Between 1940-03-26 and 1942-06-09 George was on the police payroll, receiving bi-monthly sums as little as $1.23 and as much as $88.74, the average being just $16.79. After the night desk sergeant, Joseph Berry, resigned in March 1942, George began receiving the same pay as full-time police officers, suggesting he was filling in temporarily for Berry. He took a civil service examination 1942-04-09 to fill the vacancy permanently but was not selected. George's employment with the police department ended after Berry's replacement assumed his duties in May 1942. Perhaps George was irate at not being selected for the position. On the other hand, war production was ramping up and jobs were probably more plentiful now. The 1943 city directory listed him as "defense worker," although it didn't mention where. The 1945 city directory listed him as a "factory worker" at Thatcher Manufacturing Co. By 1948 he was a steamfitter at Owens-Illinois Glass Co.

When Margaret gave birth to George James Jr. 1942-02-25, they were still living at 112½ N. Vermillion. The 1943 city directory listed them residing at 908 N. Park. 1944-10-21 Genevieve and Howard E. Parliament transferred the deed to w ½ lot 1 block 24 Original Town Streator to George J. and Margaret Heinz and they became the new owners of 209 E. Morrell. 1945-06-02 Mrs. George Heinz gave birth to Karen Jean.

Now let us examine the confusing history of who lived at 209 E. Morrell and when.

The 1945 city directory listed Roseann Tucker residing at 209 E. Morrell.

1946-01-17 began a month of newspaper ads for "Bob's Radio Shop" at 209 E. Morrell. Bob promised "expert repairing by ex-soldier." Who was Bob?

The 1948 city directory listed Jeanette Tucker residing at 209 E. Morrell.

The 1948 city directory listed Richard and Roseann Grennan residing at 209 E. Morrell. However, a Times-Press article of 1948-07-12 stated they were residing at his parent's house.

When Roseann gave birth to her second son 1949-06-03 her address was reported as 209 E. Morrell.

Meanwhile, George and Margaret had opened a grocery store at 508 S. Sterling, and according to a 1949-07-11 article in the *Times-Press* "the family occupies an apartment at the rear of the store." Why were they living in the back of the store when they owned a house? This would make some sense if Jeanette and the Grennans were living in the house, but the Grennans appear to have moved out sometime between October 1949 and April 1950.

SDTP 1949-10-07 p. 4: "Mrs. Jeannette Tucker, R. N., daughter Mrs. Richard Grennan, and grandson, Timothy Grennan, spent a week at Lake Lawn Lodge, Delavan, Wis. Both families occupy apartments in the residence at 209 E. Morrell street."

The 1950 census (conducted 7 April) recorded the Heinz family (and their seven-year-old niece Margaret Wolfe) residing at 508 S. Sterling.

The 1950 census (conducted 11 April) recorded Roseann and Richard living with their two sons in his mother's house.

The 1950 census (conducted 11 April) recorded Jeanette Tucker residing in the apartment at 209½ E. Morrell and the main house vacant.

When Mrs. George Heinz was admitted to hospital 1950-10-20 her address was reported as 209 E. Morrell. And when eight-year-old Karen Jean was interviewed by the newspaper 1953-11-30 her address was also stated as 209 E. Morrell.

1950-12-16 The newspaper reported the Grennans had moved to Pittsburgh less than a month before, and that while in Streator had been living with his mother.

HEINZ GROCERY

On Friday 27 August 1948, Roy's Buy-Rite Market opened at 508 South Sterling. As the authors of *Establishing and Operating a Grocery Store* wrote in 1945,

> A vital part of our American way of life is the opportunity it offers the man who aspires to own his own business. Just as every boy can hope to be president, likewise every employee can hope to own a business, with much more likelihood of realizing his ambition. The retail food business, more than most lines of trade, holds forth an invitation to the man who wants to start in business for himself. For example, of the 387,000 grocery stores in the country, 308,000, or 80 percent, are

operated as individual proprietorships. The business is easy to enter, perhaps too easy, for more than money and a desire to be a proprietor are needed if the venture is to succeed. The many people who fail or become discouraged and withdraw in the first year of the store's life have learned this lesson the hard and expensive way. …

The retail grocery business is a constant parade–new ventures start, older ones close. It is estimated that 75,000 to 100,000 grocery stores discontinue operations each year. As the total number of stores remains fairly constant, it follows that almost the same number enter business each year. Nelson A. Miller et al, [*Establishing and Operating a] Grocery Store*, Industrial (Small Business) Series No. 21, (United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, 1946)

1949-05-06 the following ad appeared in the newspaper:

Announcement!

Ray Molln, former owner of the Buy-Rite Market wishes to thank all neighbors and friends for the fine cooperation and patronage which was accorded him while in the grocery business. This same cooperation to the new owners to help them make a success of their new venture will be appreciated by him.

Mr. & Mrs. George Heinz wish to announce they have purchased the
BUY-RITE Market
508 S. Sterling Street.
A Full Line of Groceries, Meats And Fresh Vegetables
Will Be Carried At All Times.
Your patronage is most cordially invited.

SDTP 1949-07-11 p. 5: Heinz Grocery Offers Service To Neighborhood.

Memories of her grandfather's grocery store, carried through the 15 years when she was a successful beauty operator, were responsible for Mrs. George Heinz desire to have a grocery of her own and, at the first opportunity, for her going into business. Roy's Buy-Rite Market at 510 [sic] S. Sterling St., was the opportunity and Mr. and Mrs. Heinz purchased the business from Roy Molln in May of this year.

The store is one of Streator's many convenient neighborhood markets and carries staple and fancy groceries, fresh fruits and vegetables, fresh meats, notions, tobaccos, dairy products and ice cream, and keeps cold soft drinks on hand all the time. The volume of small purchases of candy and "soda pop" is surprising. Mrs. Heinz has a way with children and knows most of them by name after less than two months in the store. The market is clean, well arranged and self-service, doing business on a cash and carry basis. Mrs. Heinz expressed her feeling about the little shop this way: "It isn't a business. It is just doing a

neighborly service."

Mr. Heinz is a plumber's helper and has worked in the bottle plants mostly. He helps in the store in his spare time. Both Mr. and Mrs. Heinz have always lived in Streator. Mrs. Heinz was Margaret Tucker before her marriage. The couple has two children, Jimmie, 7 years old, and Jean, 4. The family occupies an apartment at the rear of the store.

In 1948 the business directory of the Streator city directory listed 57 names under *Groceries and Meats – Retail*, one for every 257 residents. I haven't been able to find much information about Heinz Grocery but the tax assessment figures reveal a steady decline: 1951: $400; 1952: $300; 1953: $250; 1954: $150. Heinz Grocery was listed in the 1951 and 1953 city directories. George's re-applications for milk and ice cream licenses were presented at the city council meeting 1953-05-04. Heinz Grocery was last mentioned in the newspaper 1954-11-17 p. 4 when firemen responded to a report of smoke. The 1955 city directory lists 508 S. Sterling as vacant. Bill's Grocery opened for business at the address 1956-03-17.

HEINZ LATER YEARS

The 1955 city directory listed George as a laborer in the employ of the city, which is strange because I can find little evidence of it in the newspaper. In 1953 he received $30.45 from the Department of Streets and Public Improvements' Sewer Fund, and in 1957 he received $27.86 from LaSalle County School District No. 45 for janitor services. The 1959 city directory listed him as a laborer in the employ of Transportation Industrial Manufacturing Co. (TIMCO). "In 1957 TIMCO (the Transportation Industrial Manufacturing Company), with its head offices in Chicago, opened a plant in Streator for the manufacture of refrigerator car interiors, aluminum siding, and fire-resistant aluminum foil" (Angle, *Biography in Black*, 1962, p. 150). According to his obituary, he continued to work at TIMCO until retirement in 1968.

SDTP 1955-10-25 p. 4: Mrs. Margaret Heinz, who underwent surgery Monday at the University of Illinois Research hospital, 840 S. Wood street in Chicago, is in room 742 and would enjoy hearing from local friends. Mrs. Heinz will undergo further surgery in about 10 days.

SDTP 1962-01-20 p. 4: As the result of a mishap she claims took place in its Streator store, Margaret Heinz of Streator Friday filed a $35,000 suit against the National Tea Company in circuit court at Ottawa. In her suit, the local woman claims that while in the store January 27, 1960, she slipped and fell on a cabbage leaf or similar object. She charges the store with failure to keep the floor clean and negligence for leaving the aisle littered. As the result of the fall she suffered a nervous condition, great bodily pain, and injury, the suit states. Sought is $35,000 damages and a jury trial. [The suit was settled out of court.]

SDTP 1974-11-26 p. 4: George J. Heinz Sr., 79, of 209 E. Morrell St., died at 7:35 p.m., Monday [1974-11-25] in St. Mary's hospital, where he was a patient since Nov. 13.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p.m., in Elias funeral home. Burial will be in St. Mary's cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 p.m., Thursday and Friday until time of service at the funeral home.

Mr. Heinz was born Oct. 25, 1895, in LaSalle, a son of George L. and Mary Ann (Craig) Heinz. He married Margaret A. Tucker, Feb. 21, 1939 in Lacon.

Survivors are his wife; a son G. James Jr., of Streator; a daughter, Mrs. Jean Urbanc of Streator, and four grand-children. He was preceded in death by his parents and was the last of his family.

Mr. Heinz resided in Streator for the past 50 years. He was a plumber's assistant and was last employed at Timco Mfg. Co., from where he retired six years ago.

In early 1978 the La Salle County Housing Authority opened a seven-storey, 105-unit mid-rise designed for elderly housing at 606 E. Morrell. By 1979-02-24 the house at 209 E. Morrell had been sold and Margaret was living a few blocks down the street in a small but neat and modern apartment in Fornof Manor. In 1986, her son George Jr. and his wife moved to Colorado, taking Margaret with them.

SDTP 1993-08-19 p. 17: Margaret A. Heinz, 89, of 2313 Spenser St., Longmont, Colo., died Wednesday, Aug. 18, 1993, at Longmont United Hospital. Cremation rites were accorded. Services will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday with a memorial Mass at St. John The Baptist Catholic Church, Longmont. The Rev. Frank Maroney will officiate. Inurnment of cremains will be held at St. Mary's Cemetery, Streator. Howe Mortuary, 439 Coffman St., Longmont, is in charge of arrangements.

Born Feb. 4, 1904, in Streator, she was the daughter of Sherman and Anna (Coxon) Tucker. She married George J. Heinz Sr. He died Nov. 25, 1974.

Surviving are a son, George J. Heinz Jr., of Longmont; a daughter, Karen (Mrs. Steve) Sheldon, of Middleburg, Fla.; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by sisters Mary Ellen, Jannette, and Minnie.

A resident of Longmont since 1986, moving there from Streator, she was a member of St. John The Baptist Catholic Church, Longmont. She owned and operated a beauty shop in Ottawa for 25 years [false] and was also employed as a bookkeeper for the Anthony Company, Streator, for many years. She was an artist and enjoyed oil painting. Memorials may be directed to a charity of the donor's choice.

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GENEALOGY OF THE TUCKER, HEINZ, AND RELATED FAMILIES

Note: Names in boldface are my direct ancestors. Italics indicate uncertainty. The commercial at symbol @ is used to indicate last known location. Chicago, La Salle, Peoria, Peru, Streator are located in Illinois, USA.

I. HEINZ

CARTER

James Wesley Carter (b. 1843 Memphis, MO; d. 1906 West Hallock, Peoria County, IL) m. Adelaid Ophelia Green (b. 1845 NY; d. 1918 West Jersey, Stark County, IL)
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{2a} Harry Austin Carter (b. 1870-11-30 Southampton, IL; d. 1942-08-20 Streator) (m. 1889 Peoria) Carrie Myrtle Forney (b. 1870-08-04 Hennepin, IL; d. 1952-12-25 Streator)
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— Edna Gladys (b. 1895-05-10 Chillicothe, IL; d. 1966-08-27 Streator) m. George J. Heinz

— Myrtle (d. infancy)

— Merlin M. adopted (b. 1912-10-25; d. 1994-01-11 Quincy, IL) (m. 1942-09-13) Martha Dixon (d. 1960-12-20)

{2b} Charles Leroy (1873–1946)

{2c} William Wesley (1875–1938)

{2d} Clifford C. (1883–1970)

{2e} Robert Lewis (1888–1959)

CONDERMAN

The two most important sources for Conderman genealogy are:

1) *The Palatine Families of New York: A study of the German immigrants who arrived in colonial New York in 1710* (2 volumes) (1985/2001) by Hank Z. Jones, Jr. Digitized copies of all his books can be found at https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/62327
2) *Countryman Genealogy* by Alvin and John E. Countryman (Lux Bros. & Heath, 1925). A digitized copy can be found at www.archive.org. Note that *Countryman Genealogy* contains numerous inaccuracies and should not be trusted.

For birth records, see “Deutschland, ausgewählte evangelische Kirchenbücher 1500-1971.” Database. *FamilySearch*. https://FamilySearch.org : 15 March 2026. Records extracted and images digitized by Ancestry.com. German Lutheran Collection, various parishes, Germany.

Countryman Genealogy claims the original German name was Lantzman, and that Conderman was a corruption of Countryman, itself a translation of Lantzman. This is unlikely given the absence of “Lantzman” from historical records. John E. Countryman states, “Traditional history seems to cluster around one John Frederick Contreman, who is said to have settled in the Province of New York about

1708 to 1715" (p. 71). A Johann Friderich Gonderman does appear in the "Hunter subsistence lists" of 1710 to 1712 (see Jones). From Gondermann to Conderman is obviously a short step. Other variations of the name appearing in historical records include: Conderman, Conterman, Contreman, Countriman, Contryman, Counterman, Countryman, Countreyman, Cunderman, Cuntryman, Gondermann, Gontermann, Guntermann, Kunderman, Kunterman.

Johann Friderich Gonderman/Conterman (b. *~1664 Stuttgart?*; imm. 1710-06-13 Nutter's Island, NY; d. 1717-09-16 West Camp, Ulster, NY) (m. *1693 Enzberg*) *Anna* Maria Barbara Simon (*bap. 1672-05-22 Rotenfels, Rastatt, Baden, Germany {Jacob Simon & Regina}; d. 1716-09-16 West Camp, Ulster, NY*)
https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NZ2N-T4M
https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/30856812/johann-friedrich-gunderman
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{1a} Andreas Franz *(b. 1695 ~~Enzberg~~; d. 1777 Ulster county, NY)* (m. 1715-09-19 West Camp, Ulster, NY) Anna Sibylla Scharrmann (b. Fischborn, commune of Isenburg)

{1b} Johann Geörg (bap. 1698-07-28 Enzberg, commune of Maulbronn, duchy of Württemberg, Germany; d. *1718 Schoharie, Schoharie, NY)* (m. 1718-09-12) Anna Elizabeth Melchior
https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QP6H-Y2M9 (left #2)

{1c} **Johann Geörg Conrad "Heinrich"** (bap. 1701-01-30 Enzberg; imm. 1710 NY; d. *1771-05-06 Canajoharie, Montgomery, NY*) (m. *1718 Schoharie, Schoharie, NY*) *Maria Margaretha Haberman* (*b. 1698-08-24 Germany; d. 1777-05-06 Stone Arabia, Palatine, Montgomery, NY*)
https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QP6H-TH45 (left bottom)
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Adam Conrad Conderman (b. 1719-06-21 Fort Plain village, Minden town, Montgomery county, NY; d. ~1804-12-22 Fort Plain) (m. ~1738 Fort Plain) Anna Margaretha Leyp (*b. ~1719 Fort Plain {Casper Leyp (1700–1783) & Catherine Regula Naff}; d. ~1775 Fort Plain, Montgomery, NY*)
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Johannes Adam Contreman (b. 1748-02-14 Canajoharie, Montgomery, NY; d. 1838-07-10 Old Dutch Cemetery, Fremont, Steuben county, NY) (m. 1783-06-03 Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, German Flatts, Herkimer, NY) Catherine Horning (1759–1844)
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Solomon Conderman (b. 1801-06-29 Hartwick, Otsego, NY; migrated to Lee Co, IL 1855-06-09–1860-07-03; d. 1898-04-23 Alta, Buena Vista, IA) m. Sophrona McFall (b. 1798-12-24; d. 1883 Amboy, Lee, IL)
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{4a} Lucy (b. 1828-02-19 Hornellsville, Steuben, NY; d. 1919-11-24 Hornellsville/Hornell/Stephens Mills/Fremont, Steuben, NY) m. Henry

H. Pickle/Pickell (d. 1893-03-10 Hornell/Stephens Mills/Fremont, Steuben, NY)
>
— Ira (1849–1851)
— Melissa M (1851–1937) m. Kester
— Vernon (1853–1929)
— Cornet (1858–1860)
— Sophronia (1862–1937)
— Frances (1864–1897)

{4b} John W. (b. 1829-11-25 Howard, Steuben, NY)
{4c} Katherine A. (b. ~~1828~~ 1831-04-06 or 1831-04-20 Howard, Steuben, NY; d. 1924-04-21 Alta, Buena Vista, IA) (m. 1865-11-19 Lee County, IL) Edward Nute*
{4d} Solomon S. (b. 1833-06-15 Howard, Steuben, NY; d. 1923-09-07 Bath, Steuben, NY) Never married.
{4e} Orin (b. 1835-12-12 Fremont, Steuben, NY; d. 1864-05-25 Dallas, GA)
{4f} Jacob Henry (b. 1837-06-14 Howard, Steuben, NY; d. 1922-11-07 Hardin, IA) m. Elizabeth Roe
{4g} Daniel (b. 1839-06-05 Howard, Steuben, NY; d. 1924-01-21 East Grove Township, Lee, IL) (m. 1864-04-10) Catherine Mahala Cadwell (b. 1845-06-09 Nelson, Portage, OH)
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— Orin (b. 1866-03-20, d. 1876-05-13)
— Harriet A. (b. 1868-01-06 Princeton) (m. 1892) John Nelson
— Addie A. (b. 1871-03-11) m. 1893 Harry Coleman
— Jasper (b. 1873-11-03)
— Josephine (b. 1873-11-03) m. Luther Tabor
— Ella May (b. 1876-02-01) (m. 1897-12-25 Dixon) William F. Perry
— Albert (b. 1880-01-25) (m. 1901-07-03 Dixon, IL) Lulu Bullington
— Curtis (b. 1882-01-24) (m. 1907-02-06 Dixon, IL) Vera Ida Bullington

{4h} Possible female ~1840
{4i} Altheda "Lydia" A. (b. 1841-07-21 Howard, Steuben, NY; d. 1903-03-03 Tuscarora, Bradford, PA) (m. ~1860 Sublette, IL?) Andrew J. Taylor (b. 1835 Stanford, Delaware, NY; entered army 1862-08-13 Sublette, IL; mustered out 1865-06-12 Camp Harker, TN; d. 1913 Tuscarora, Bradford, PA)
{4j} **Elizabeth “Betsy”** (b. 1843-06-03 Howard, Steuben, NY; d. 1917-06-05 212 Isabel St, Pekin, IL) m. Fridericus/Friedrich Heinz

{4k} Catherine (b. 1803-02-27 Minden, Montgomery, NY; d. 1892-06-06 Fremont, Steuben, NY) (m. 1823) Peter Thomas Maydole (d. 1853-05-08)
{4l} Jacob J. (b. 1805-06-04 Minden, Montgomery, NY; migrated to Lee County, IL <1850-09-09; d. 1899-04-10 Amboy, Lee, IL) (m. 1831-10-14) Lydia Ann McDowell (b. 1814-10-14 Howard, Steuben, NY; d. 1890-06-29 Amboy, Lee, IL)
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{5a.4l} Elias Washington (b. 1833-09-18 Hornell, Steuben, NY; d. 1927-12-03 Amboy, Lee, IL) (m. 1827) Aurelia C. Cadwell
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{6} Lydia m. Roland L. Bissel
{6} Edwin J. m. Nellie North
{6} Nellie E. m. Frank E. Plume
{5b.4l} Juliet (b. 1835-12-02; d. 1873-12-09) (m. 1854) Edwin M. Blair
{5c.4l} Ruth Ann (b. 1839-05-31; d. 1931 Abingdon, IL?) (m. 1861) William McCarty
{5d.4l} Ordora C. (1839)
{5e.4l} Lydia P. (1860-01)

{1d} Margaretha Barbara (b. 1703-10-24 Enzberg; d. 1707-09-30)
b. https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QP6H-RTXG (left top)
d. https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QPDF-JR32
{1e} Anna Catharina (b. 1706-04-22 Enzberg)
https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QP6C-MFR2 (right #2)
{1f} Hanß Friedrich (b. 1708-10-13 Enzberg)
https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QP6H-TXRM (right top)
{1g} Anna Eva (b. 1714-04-12 Saint Pauls Evangelical Lutheran, West Camp, Ulster, NY)
{1h} Jacob (b. 1716-08-12 Saint Pauls Evangelical Lutheran, West Camp, Ulster, NY)

Note: Fremont, Hornellsville/Hornell/Stephens Mills, Howard, Bath are all near one another in Steuben County, so it makes little difference if one record says Fremont and another says Howard. Hornellsville changed its name to Hornell in 1906.

CRAIG

James Craig (b. 1828-02 or 1825–1836 Ireland; imm. 1840; d. >1910 IL) (m. 1849) Johanna Cushion (b. 1832–1838-03 Ireland; imm. 1842; d. 1898–1910 *Peru, IL*)
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— James Jr. (b. 1859; d. <1870)
— **Mary Ann** (b. 1862 *La Salle*; d. 1917-03-16 Pekin, IL) m. George Loscoe Heinz

— Bridget (b. 1864; d. 1891–1900 *La Salle*)
— Hannah (b. 1866; d. <1900)
— James P. Jr. II (b. ~1870-05 (preferred) or 1871-03; d. >1898)*
— Nellie (b. 1874; d. <1900)

In 1880 James was living in La Salle; in 1900 he was at 956 3rd Street in La Salle; and in 1910 he was living in Pekin.

*Not to be confused with: James P. Craig (1861–1902 La Salle) (m. 1885 La Salle) Mary/Mollie A. Wales.

*Not to be confused with: James P. Craig (1836–1918 Peoria) m. Margaret Coleman. 1901–1917 Peoria, [521 Fulton].

HEINZ

My source of information for the German portions of this genealogy was FamilySearch.org, which did not provide scanned images of original records, therefore I have been unable to verify this information.

Meyers Gazetteer lists Binsfeld as Binsfeld 3) Eifel, Wittlich, Trier, Rheinland, Preussen. https://www.meyersgaz.org/place/10173031 Today, Binsfeld is a municipality in the Bernkastel-Wittlich district of Rhineland-Palatinate state, Germany.

Meyers Gazetteer lists Birkenfeld as Birkenfeld 4) Fürstt. Birkenfeld, Oldenburg. https://www.meyersgaz.org/place/10175013 Today, Birkenfeld is a town in the Birkenfeld district of Rhineland-Palatinate state, Germany. Note that, although Johann Wilhelm Heinz lived in Binsfeld, he repeatdely travelled the 30 miles to Birkenfeld to marry each of his four wives in the Roman Catholic church there.

Meyers Gazetteer lists Bruch as Bruch 1) Kr. Wittlich, Wittlich, Trier, Rheinland, Preussen. Today, Bruch is a municipality in the Bernkastel-Wittlich district of Rhineland-Palatinate state, Germany.

Meyers Gazetteer lists Spangdahlem as Spangdahlem, Wittlich, Trier, Rheinland, Preussen. https://www.meyersgaz.org/place/20838022 Today, Spangdahlem is a municipality in the Eifelkreis Bitburg-Prüm district of Rhineland-Palatinate state, Germany.

Except for Birkenfeld, all these villages were located in the traditionally Roman Catholic Südeifel region of the Rhineland.

Joannis Wilhelm Heinz (b. 1801-08-24 Binsfeld; d. 1860-12-27 Binsfeld) (m. 1825 Birkenfeld) Anna Maria Comes (b. 1804-03-15 Landscheid, Bernkastel-Wittlich, Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany {Peter & Annae Mariae Mueller}; d. 1831-12-30)
>
— Barbara (b. 1826-09-11 Binsfeld; d. 1829)
— Catharina (b. 1829-06-05 Binsfeld; d. 1888) (m. 1850 Bruch) Friedericus Freis
Joannis Wilhelm Heinz (rm. 1832-02-21 Birkenfeld) Anna Klein (b. 1799-02-24; d. 1835-01-16)
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— Joannes (b. 1833-09-14 Binsfeld)
— Mathias (b. 1835-01-09 Binsfeld; *imm. 1852-11*; d. 1912-02-24 Eagle Center, Black Hawk, IA) Never married.
Joannis Wilhelm Heinz (rm. 1835-04-04 Birkenfeld) Maria Elisabethae Bollinger (b. 1801-06-01 Bruch; d. 1842-12-17 Binsfeld)
>
{2a} Wilhelm (b. 1836-08-02 Binsfeld)
{2b} **Fridericus/Friedrich Heinz** (b. 1838-01-09 Binsfeld; imm. *1857-04-21* Binsfeld;

d. 1900-06-06–1905 Kingston Mines, Timber Township, Peoria, IL?) (m. <1863-07-01) Elizabeth "Betsy" Conderman

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{3a} William Solomon (b. 1864-02 IL; d. >1900) @ 265 Hennepin St., 137 Hennepin St., La Salle

{3b} Frederick Jacob (b. 1865-10-23 Sublette, IL; d. 1946-11-19 Abilene, KS) (m. 1896-12-23 Cheever, KS) Lottie Fleagle (b. 1874-12-08 Clarence, IA; d. 1937-09-30 Abilene, KS)

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— Edith May (b. 1897-08-11; d. 1982-11-03 Livingston, TX) m. Guy Carpenter

— Melissa Neva (1900–1985) (m. 1923) Dale Peterson (rm. 1942) Lester C. Jackson

— Pearl G. (1905–2000)

— Clara Yvonne (1913–1969) m. Darling

{3c} **George Loscoe** (b. 1867-07-31 Sublette, IL; d. 1945-01-13 Illinois Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Quincy, IL) (m. 1888-09-17 La Salle; divorced 1911-01-05) Mary Ann Craig (b. 1862 La Salle?; d. 1917-03-16 Pekin, IL)

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George James (b. 1895-10-25 La Salle; d. 1974-11-25 Streator) (m. 1918-04-09 Pekin, IL; separated 1933-03-13; divorced 1938-06-24) Edna Gladys Carter

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{5a} Roy Maxwell (b. 1920-03-28 Streator; d. 1998-02-28 Tonica, IL) (m. 1941-08-14 Ottawa, IL) Janis D. Armstrong (rm. 1946-07-10 Ottawa, IL) Bernice Tuleck

{5b} Evelyn Alice (b. 1923-12-17; d. 1982-02-18 Poway, CA) (m. 1945) John Neiggeman; (rm. 1955) Donald Dowding

George James (rm. 1939-02-21 Lacon, IL) Margaret Ann Tucker (b. 1904-02-04 Streator; d. 1993-08-19 Longmont, CO)

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{5c} George James Jr. (b. 1942-02-26 Streator) (m. 1964-01-25 Streator) Sheryl Marie Wehmeyer (b. 1944-09-08 Dixon, IL; d. 2020-09-16 Montrose, CO)

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— Lynn Marie (b. 1964-12-06 Streator) m. Fyffe

— Jeffrey James (b. 1966-02-10 Streator)

{5d} **Karen Jean** (b. 1945-06-01) (m. 1964-09-12; div. 1972-08-14) Kenneth Allen Urbanc

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— **Eric Alan** (b. 1966-09-06; d. 2026)

— Dana Lee (b. 1971-09-02) m. ? Rodil

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Isabelle Mia Rodil (b. 2010-12-28 Orange Park, FL)

Karen Heinz-Urbanc (rm. 1973-05-14; div. 1973-06-04) Edward E. Blystone; (rm. 1975-04-08; div. 1981-05-16) Melvin J. Kerestes (1930–

2006) (rm. ~1987 Lawrenceville, GA) Stephen Robert Sheldon (b. 1954-09-06)

{3d} Charles J. (b. 1876-04 Franklin Grove, Lee, IL; d. 1913-07-19 202 Cropsey Ave, Dixon, IL) (m. 1896-02-06 Peru) May F. Hiney (b. 1875 Buda, IL; d. 1904-11-21 1422 Center St, Peru, IL)

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— Ethel May (1900)

— Loletta (1901)

— Manuenetha (1903)

Charles J. (rm. 1912-05-04 Dixon, IL) Mrs. Grace Miller (d. >1922)

{2c} Emmerich (b. 1840-05-17; d. 1842-01-15)

{2d} Jacob (b. 1841-12-10 Binsfeld; imm. *1864-07-27 Hamburg*; d. 1898-01-08 Eagle Center, Black Hawk, IA) (m. 1865) Catharina Rascop (b. 1839-08-20 Spangdahlem, Eifelkreis Bitburg-Prüm, Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany {Michael & Evae Kremer}; d. 1875-12-14 Eagle Center, IA)

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— Mary (b. 1866-07-15 Sublette, IL) m. Fred Brown

— Kathryn (b. 1868-08-08 Sublette, IL; d. 1951-06-28) (m. 1888-02-08 Eagle Center) John J. Pieres "1868-08-08 per obit and prayer card; 1869-08 per 1900 census; 1870 per other census; does not appear in 1870 census w/ parents and sister Mary. PP opined DOB of 1870, but changed to 1868 so she could marry; she was pregnant." --SchweyenWarner

— Elizabeth E. (b. 1874-08-09 Sublette, IL) m. Alphonse Joseph Degetter

Jacob (rm. 1876-04-06 Waterloo, IA) Mary Catherine Schumisch

— Barbara Helen (b. 1875-08-06 Eagle Center, IA) m. Matt Pieres

— Margaret m. Joseph Augustine Garvey

— John Lawrence (b. 1878-07-01) m. Emma Weber

— William J. (b. 1881-12-11 Eagle Center, IA; d. 1926-05-01 Streator) m. Elizabeth Miller. "Mrs. Jacob Heinz has rented her farm for the coming year to her son, John. She will probably move to town. Her son William will go to Peru, III., to work in a zinc factory where his uncle [Peter?] is shipping clerk."

— Anna T. m. Mike Pieres

— Agnes Jane m. Henry Koener

— George B.

— Jacob Edward (b. 1893-04-24 Eagle Township, IA; d. 1918-10-16 Eagle Township, IA)

— Florence Barbara m. Albert W. Kuehl

Joannis Wilhelmi Heinz (rm. 1844-11-04 Birkenfeld) Elisabeth Wingender (b. 1818 Bruch; d. 1885-05-22 La Salle)

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{2e} Nicolaus (b. 1845-05-01; d. 1845-05-30)

{2f} Peter Friedrich Wilhelm (b. 1846-09-08 Binsfeld; imm. 1872; d. 1910-07-05 935

Hennepin St., La Salle) m. Elizabeth Valerius (b. 1842-12-09 Binsfeld {Joannis & Annae Loskill}; d. 1920-08-24 La Salle)
>
— George Peter (1874–1932)
— Elizabeth Welter (1875–1945)
— Nicholas Lewis (1876–1926)
— Anna M. (b. 1878-01-03 La Salle; d. 1966-07-15)
— Sister Dorothy Agnetis (1879–1969)
— William Vincent (1881–1960)

{2g} Elisabeth (b. 1849-07-13; d. 1918-11-07 Grand Island, NE) (m. 1873-06-14) George Valerius (b. 1844-12-24 Binsfeld {Joannis & Annae Loskill})

{2h} Joannes/John William (b. 1852-06-01 Binsfeld; d. 1900-11-25 Davenport, IA) (m. 1875-02-06 La Salle) Mary Diedrich. He was a miner at La Salle until ~1896.

{2i} Nicholas (b. 1855-05-06; d. 1893-04-11 La Salle)

{2j} George (b. 1858-12-26; d. 1892-08-29 La Salle)

II. TUCKER

COXON

Roger Coxon (b. 1804 Barton, Yorkshire, England; d. 1853-09-23) m. Ann Remington (b. 1808 Hylton, Durham, England; d. 1885-01-04)
>
{2a} Ralph (b. 1828; d. 1866-05-30)

{2b} Robert

{2c} Thomas (b. 1835; d. 1878-01-17)

{2d} **John** (bap. 1837-10-30 Newcastle, England; d. 1874-05-25 Newcastle) (m. 1864-06) Margaret Geddes
>
— Elizabeth (b. 1865-02-14 Newcastle; d. 1929-01-07 Newcastle) (m. 1882-04-10) John Wright (b. 1857-08-06 Newcastle; d. 1925-04-14 Newcastle)
— **Ann(a) H.** (b. 1871-01-10; d. 1946-07-06 Streator) m. Sherman Tucker
— John Robert (b. 1874-06-08 Newcastle; d. 1923-12-31 Huddersfield) m. Alice Milroy (1877–1961)

{2e} Barnet (b. 1839; d. 1861-07-16)

GEDDES

Wellwood Geddes (b. 1812-12-07 Dunipace, Scotland; d. 1879 Newcastle) m. Bridget Riley (b. ~1812 Scotland; d. ~1858 Newcastle)
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— John (b. ~1834 Newcastle; d. 1888)
— Janet (b. ~1836 Newcastle; d. 1885-03-21 Newcastle) m. Thomas Hawdon
— **Margaret** (bap. 1839-09-07 Newcastle; d. 1900-05-26 Newcastle) m. John Coxon

— Wellwood Jr. (b. 1842 Newcastle; d. 1863)
— Bridget *fille* (b. 1846 Newcastle; d. 1931 Newcastle)

See Ancestry.com user Alan Wright for more information.

HAWDON

Thomas Hawdon (b. ~1835; d. 1863-10?, <1881) (m. *1855*) Janet Geddes
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{2a} John (b. 1855-11-26) m. Sarah Drummond
{2b} Frederick W. (b. 1858-01-29 Newcastle; imm. 1882; d. 1939-03-02 Streator) (m. 1894-01-24 Streator) Elizabeth Peters-Wood (b. 1860-05-22 Staffordshire, England; d. 1904-11-30 Streator). Note: Frederick was Anna (Coxon) Tucker's cousin.
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— John W. (b. 1895-12-24 Streator; d. 1990-11-15 Streator) (m. 1923-09-19 Streator) Effie Padgett
— Jean(n)ette (b. 1899-06-23 Streator; d. 1956-07-17 Streator) (m. 1920-01-01 Streator) David Scent
{2c} Thomas Jr. (b. 1859-08-02 Newcastle; d. 1907-05-14 La Salle) (m. 1894-01-10 Hollowayville, IL) Mary Isadora Nichols (b. 1865-05-11 La Salle; d. 1955-11-26 in Seatonville, IL)
{–} Fostered Ann(a) Coxon

PETERS

Thomas H. Peters (b. 1835-04-04 Staffordshire, England; imm. ~1879; d. 1910-03-19 Streator) m. Harriet Yates (m. 1858 England) (b. 1838 Staffordshire; d. 1902-12-20 Streator)
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— Elizabeth (b. 1860-05-22 Staffordshire; d. 1904-11-30 Streator) m. Basil Wood; rm. Frederick Hawdon
— Mary Jane (b. ~1861 Staffordshire; d. 1930-12-30 Cuba, IL) m. William Shields (1860; d. 1931-01-19 Cuba, IL)
— Emily (b. 1864-02-26 Staffordshire; d. 1943-09-17 Streator) m. Joseph Wood
— John (b. 1869 England)
— Benjamin (b. 1871-03-16 Derbyshire; d. 1941-02-15 Thayer, IL) (m. 1898-05-12 La Salle) Alice Jane Wood
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Thomas (b. 1901-08-26; d. 1965-08-27 Chicago, IL) m. Alva Radford
— Harriet (b. 1875-01-17 Newcastle; d. 1959-07-08) (m. 1899) George W. Blakemore (1875–1955)
— Thomas Jr. (b. 1877-12-07 Staffordshire; d. 1968-04-18) m. Ida C. Bevan (1883–1930)
— John Henry (b. 1883-08-12; d. 1945-06-23) (m. 1905-11-30) Elizabeth A. Durham (b. 1886-02-17; d. 1950-08-06)

TUCKER

David F. Tucker (b. 1816-04-27 Hardy county, VA; d. 1899-03-06 Farmer City, IL) (m. 1840-06-03 Moorefield, VA) Mary Ann Brown (b. 1823-10-22 Hampshire, VA; d. 1903-04-11 Farmer City, IL)
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Eli Isaac (b. 1842-02-21 Hardy county, VA; d. 1915-12-03 Farmer City, IL) (m. 1866-06-17 Athens, OH) Mary Elizabeth Arbela Shell (b. 1847-08-16 Hardy county, VA; d. 1884-10-18 Farmer City, IL)
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{3a} **Sherman W.** (b. 1867-02-25 Coolville, OH; d. 1953-01-28 Kendall County, IL (Certificate #0002508) (m. 1891-03-18 La Salle; sep. 1921-10; div. 1928-11-06 La Salle) Anna H. Coxon
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{4a} Mary "Nellie" Ellen (b. 1892-05-01 Streator; d. 1974-10-31 Streator) (m. 1910-06-18 Streator) George Wright (b. 1888-07-13 Streator; d. 1960-09-21 Streator)
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— Robert Dean (b. 1920-12-14 Streator; d. 1944-05-13 Italy)
— Irene m. George Blain
— Ellen (m. 1935-04-27) John Cherveny
— John E.
— Elizabeth m. William Overocker
— Mary Alice m. Owen Sliker
— Georgene m. Edward Ward

{4b} Jeanette/Janet Anna (R.N.) (b. 1894-02-08 Streator; d. 1976-01-19 Tampa, FL)
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Roseann(e)/Rose Ann (b. 1926-08-12 "Missouri"; d. 2018-09-11 Baton Rouge, LA) (m. ~1947) Richard Arnold Grennan (b. 1926-06-13)
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— Timothy David (b. 1947-10-11; d. 2017-02-16)
— Michael F. (b. 1949?) m. Linda
— Pamela S. m. Jon Schellack
— Carolyn D. m. Ron Sconyers

Roseanne Tucker-Grennan rm. Richard F. Wickboldt

{4c} John Eli "Jack" (b. 1896-02-01 or 05 Farmer City, IL; d. 1951-10-24 Sacramento, CA) (m. 1920-05-18; div. 1923-01-15) Laura Richards; (rm. 1937-01-13 Santa Fe, NM) Emma Salazar
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Eustacio, Henry, Juanita, Frederick

{4d} Fred William (b. 1898-09-03 Farmer City, IL; d. 1957-01-03 Veterans' hospital, Fort Wayne, IN) (m. 1919-09-09 Ottawa; deserted temporarily 1919-11-27) Vera ~~Edna~~ Naomi Peters (b. 1902-12-05 Streator; d. 1984-05-02 Elkhart, IN)
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Marie (b. 1920-05-03 Streator; d. 1983-09-06 Wenona, IL) (m. 1937-08-

28) James Robertson

{4e} David Wellwood (b. 1900-09-20 Streator; d. 1982-07-30 Elkhart, IN) (m. 1928-07-26 Streator) Dorothy Ronelva Davidson (b. 1903-12-25 Streator; d. 1993-10-06 Goshen, IN)

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— David Robert (1929–1951) "invalid son"

— William Ross (b. 1936-04-08; d. 2000)

— Jane Elizabeth (1945–2009) m. Robert Rider

{4e} **Margaret Ann** (b. 1904-02-04 Streator; d. 1993-08-18 Longmont, CO) m. George J. Heinz

{4f} Minnie (1907-08-04 Streator; d. 1937-10-28 Streator) (m. ~1930) Edward J. Wolfe Jr. (b. 1907-06-08; d. 1970-11-20)

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{5a} Edward Joseph III (b. 1931-06-20 Ottawa; 2021-01-15) (m. 1955-10-16 Millbrook) Cathryn W. Nelson

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— Phillip m. Susan

— Sonja m. Mike Eddy

{5b} Margaret Ann "Peg" (b. 1933-11-14 Ottawa, IL; d. 2013-06-23 Ottawa) (m. 1952) Clifford Chaney (1925–1985)

{3b} Minnie (b. 1870-03-09 Athens, OH; d. 1896-11-20 Farmer City, IL) m. William P. Gardiner

{3} David W. (b. 1872-07-04 Farmer City, IL; d. 1951-04-16 Streator) (m. 1900-02-03 Streator) Alida Johnson (b. 1873-01-31 Harveyville, KS; d. 1937-02-15 Streator)

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Gordon R. (b. 1905-11-28 Streator; d. 1978-02-16 Streator) (m. 1932-09-03) Gwendolyn Grace Shaw

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Richard, Robert, William

{3c} Ida Mae/May (b. 1876-07-18 Farmer City, IL; d. 1915-11-04 Farmer City) (m. 1895 Farmer City) James Hoit

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Irwin, Addie, Thelma, Hattie, Hester, Edna, Geraldine, Helen

{3d} Charles A. (b. 1879-04-16 Farmer City; d. 1945-09-09 Shelbyville, IN) m. Effie Houghan

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Burl I., Ned, Leslie m. Schaeffer

Eli Isaac Tucker (rm. 1886-03-09) Bessie Wolf (b. 1846-04 or 1847-04-27 Ireland; d. 1926-05-10 Farmer City, IL)

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{3e} Hope (b. 1887) m. Lewis Flagel

{3f} Daisy (b. 1891) m. Marshall Collier

David F. Tucker (b. 1816-04-27), Eli Isaac Tucker (b. 1842-02-21, and Mary Elizabeth Arbela Shell (b. 1847-08-16) were born in the *county* of Hardy, Virginia. In 1863 Hardy county became part of West Virginia.

WOOD

James Wood (1823–1901) m. Jane Garner (1828–1891)
>
{2a} Henry Wood (AKA Harry Woods) (b. 1852-10-17 Leeds, Yorkshire, England; imm. 1881-10-31; d. 1942-08-28 Thayer, IL) (m. 1881 England) Eliza Stanley (b. 1854-06 "Kirmark," Durham, England; d. 1914-07-28; Thayer, IL)
>
— Alice Jane (1873–1912) m. Benjamin Peters
— Ann (1875–1901)
— Emily E. (1876–1897)
— Martha (b. 1881-07 Morpeth, Northumberland; d. 1931-04-25 Thayer, IL) m. Louis F. Galleto
— Frances (b. 1884-02-02; d. 1934-06-30 Harvey, IL) m. Eli Cave (d. 1927)
>
— Lillian m. Henry McIllwaine
— Florence (b. 1887; d. >1968) (m. 1924-08-11) Joseph Sowerby @ Thayer, IL
— Ruth C. (1892–1979) m. John F. Reynolds @ Columbus, OH
— Joseph (b. 1899) @ WV
{2b} Charles (b. 1854)
{2c} Basil Wood (b. 1856-04 Tynemouth, England; d. 1891-09-27 Streator) (m. 1878 Northumberland, England) Elizabeth Peters
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— James J. (b. 1883-06-06; d. 1957-05-19) (m. 1905-03-14) Florence Evans @ Kangley, IL
— Edith E. (b. 1885-11-05; d. 1971-05-06) (m. 1908-06-10) William C. Durham (d. 1952-03-28)
— Thomas P. (b. 1888-08-01; d. 1916-04-16)
{2d} Joseph Wood (b. 1860-11-20 Seghill, England; d. 1944-06-07 Streator) (m. 1886-08-26 Streator) Emily Peters @ 206 Tenth St., Streator
>
— Jane m. Ralph Jones
— John W.
— Harriet m. Fred C. Schultz

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